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Vikings unable to hold 4th quarter leads



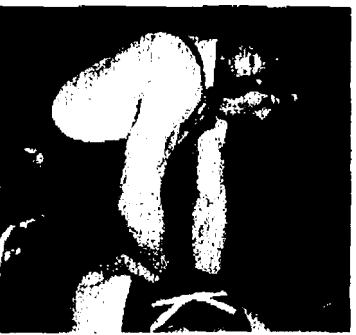
Both of Grayling High School's varsity basketball teams had fourth quarter leads vs. the visiting Harbor Springs Rams last Tuesday, but they were unable to weather late rallies and Harbor Springs won both contests by small margins.

In the girls' game – the first of Tuesday night's varsity basketball league doubleheader – Grayling led 9-7 after one quarter, 17-11 at halftime, and 27-20 after three periods.

The Rams outscored Grayling 13-0 in the final 4:33 to win by four, 35-31.

In the boys' contest, Grayling led 14-11 after one period and had a 33-26 advantage at halftime. The Vikings took a one-point lead – 43-42 – into the fourth quarter. Grayling lost by three, 68-65. **10A**

Vikings fall to Bucks again in wrestling playoffs



Once again, a familiar nemesis – the Roscommon Bucks – has ended the Grayling High School wrestling team's playoff run.

Including 2010, the Bucks have eliminated the Vikings in seven of the last eight years (2009 regional finals, 2007 regional semifinals, 2006 district semifinals, 2005 district finals, 2004 regional finals, 2003 district finals).

This year, Grayling faced Roscommon in the championship match of the District 168-3 tournament, an event held at Roscommon High School last Wednesday.

The final score was Roscommon 46, Grayling 30. **8A**

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City Manager arrested

Charges allege violations of Social Security Privacy Act

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling City Manager David A. Thayer was arrested last week for allegedly violating the state's Social Security Privacy Act after the Social Security numbers of two dozen people ended up in the hands of a city councilmember.

County Sheriff Kirk A. Wakefield said Thayer was arrested on a 24-count misdemeanor on Thursday, February 11, 2010.

Thayer's arrest comes after a two-

month investigation of several alleged violations of the Social Security Number Privacy Act law, Wakefield said.

Crawford County Prosecutor Everette "Trey" Ayers issued the warrant for Thayer, who was arrested and charged with 24 counts of disseminating confidential information to a member of the public without permission to do so, Wakefield said. Each of the charges carries up to 93 days in jail and/or \$1,000 fine, if convicted.

According to the state's Social Security Privacy Act, a violation of the act occurs when someone "knowingly and intentionally" releases more than four sequential numbers from a person's Social Security number to another party.

The charges Thayer faces stem from a background check completed on Grayling City Council candidates, who took office in November. Karl Schreiner, the former Grayling City Police Chief, and Karl DeVries, a former Grayling City

Patrolman, took the oath of office to serve on the Grayling City Council on Nov. 9. Dee Maybury, who ran unopposed to fill an un-expired term on the city council, did not take the oath of office that night because it was determined that she had not paid the city's income tax for four years while she has lived in the city. Maybury and her family have lived in the city almost six years.

As steps were taken to clear up the issue, Maybury was given tax See **CITY MANAGER** | 18A



Two skiers qualify for state finals

Two members of Grayling High School's boys ski team – Mike Olson, above, and Matt Hilbrecht, below, both pictured competing in the regional giant slalom event on Thursday – placed high enough at last week's regional meet to qualify for the state finals. Olson took 6th in slalom and 7th in giant slalom during Thursday's regional ski meet at Schuss Mountain. Hilbrecht finished 7th in slalom and 9th in giant slalom. Both skiers qualified for the state finals in both events. For more on the ski team, see Page 9A.

Photos by Caleb Casey



'Luck' leads to pot bust

Frederic brothers charged with several felonies

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies kept thousands of dollars of marijuana off the streets last week after arresting two Frederic brothers while on their way to investigate an unrelated breaking and entering complaint.

County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said deputies were dispatched to a possible breaking and entering on Tuesday, Feb. 9, at 10:10 a.m. at a seasonal residence located in Frederic Township. Wakefield said that the door to the residence was open and a neighbor called in the complaint.

Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy Ryan Swope was the first deputy to leave the Crawford County Sheriff's Office to investigate the complaint.

While en route to the breaking and entering scene to back up Swope, Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy Jason Alexander was called off from responding to the residence. About the same time, Alexander observed two males walking north on Old US-27 with two large garbage bags over their shoulders. The subjects fled on foot into the woods upon observing Alexander's vehicle.

Deputy Alexander gave foot pursuit assisted by Deputy Swope and the two subjects were taken into custody. They were found to be in possession of a large amount of marijuana, a firearm and a safe. The subjects admitted to breaking into a residence, which was unrelated to the initial breaking and entering complaint deputies were called to investigate, and stealing the marijuana.

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Grayling grad ready to spread Peace Corps message after volunteer mission

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Realizing a dream of seeing another part of the world with the Peace Corps – Crystal Pilon has been there and done that.

Pilon recently returned to Grayling after just under two years in Niger, a small rural village in West Africa.

A 1999 graduate from Grayling High School, Pilon attended Michigan Tech University, where she studied wood science. She then went to work for a U.S. Forest Service laboratory in Madison, Wis. while earning her graduate degree from Michigan Tech.

After five years of testing wood to develop new materials and with no obligation to children or a husband, Pilon realized a life-long dream of joining the Peace Corps.

Pilon was assigned to work as a natural resources and environmental volunteer. After arriving in Niger, Pilon went through a eight-week training to learn the local language – Hasau.

While in Niger, Pilon lived in a mud hut with no running water. A typical day started as the villagers, who were Muslim, said

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Crystal Pilon recently returned to Grayling after just under two years with the Peace Corps in Niger, a small rural village in West Africa. Above, Pilon is pictured with some youngsters and her friend, Rabi, wearing jewelry sent by her mother Ruth Pilon.

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A Sweet Valentine's Day



The Lions Club of Grayling hosted a Valentine's Day Brunch on Sunday at the American Legion. The brunch was held to help Grayling High School senior Bobby Stott raise nearly \$4,000 to travel with the Lions of Michigan All State Band to Sydney, Australia. Over \$1,600 was raised during the fund-raiser. Above, Ben Quisler, Chris Baudoux and Daniel Quisler are pictured enjoying pancakes and sausage links. Pat and Jon Quisler, who are not pictured, treated them to the brunch.

Photo by Dan Sanderson

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"In the battle to attract and retain jobs, Michigan's environment is one of the State's real competitive advantages, and that means we have to fight to protect it," Cox said. "When a company ignores standard safe-

ty practices and threatens not only the environment but human lives, we will hold them accountable."

LSR faces two felony counts of Setting Fire to a Forest Land and two misdemeanor counts of Operating an Engine without Spark Arresters. Each of the charges alleges violations of Michigan's Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act.

Because the company is being charged, not an individual citizen, officials from LSR will be served with a Complaint and Summons and must appear before the court. Instead of prison time, if convicted, the court could order the company to pay fines and full restitution, including property damage and response costs. The fire resulted in an estimated \$464,000 in timber damage, \$370,000 in personal property damage and

\$100,000 in fire suppression costs.

Attorney General Cox's office investigated the blaze, along with the office of Crawford County Prosecutor Everett "Trey" Ayers and the Department of Natural Resources and Environment.

"Families in Crawford County have been looking for answers and thanks to the hard work of investigators from my office and that of Attorney General Mike Cox, today they have them," Ayers said.

The company will be arraigned in 87th District Court for the Crawford County fire and in 81st District Court for a separate fire that started in Arenac County. Preliminary hearings will be scheduled at the arraignments.

A criminal charge is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty, Cox said.

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Disabled American Veterans officer on duty in Grayling

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Crawford County has a new Disabled American Veterans service officer, who served as a warrior in Operation Desert Storm, to advocate on behalf of veterans.

Ron McNally recently assumed the position as the department service officer for the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) for Crawford County. His office is in the basement of the Crawford County building. The office can be accessed by an elevator thanks to the building and renovation project to make the courthouse compliant with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

McNally was a member of the U.S. Army, based out of Fort Bragg, N.C., and during his active duty from 1986 to 1989, he deployed to Honduras with his unit.

After retiring from active duty, McNally joined a U.S. Army Reserve unit based out of Saginaw. When U.S. Military Forces were gearing up for Operation Desert Storm and it was evident that his Saginaw unit would not be called into action, McNally asked for a change in orders and was transferred to the 199th Supply Co. based of Kokomo, Ind.

McNally said he longed to gain the respect earned by soldiers from previous wars when he volunteered to go to the Middle East.

"I was a soldier at heart," McNally said. "Now, I see the respect level given to veterans that I'm so glad to see."

The DAV is a non-profit

association of over 1.3 million military U.S. military veterans who have suffered some degree of disability while service in a time of war or armed conflict.

Founded in 1920 and chartered by Congress, the DAV is dedicated to one single purpose: building better lives for disabled veterans and their families.

The DAV fills openings on its professional management staff with veterans. There is no charge for the services that the veteran's service benefits experts provide to veterans and their families. Department service officers offer counseling on veterans benefits administered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs including disability compensation, health care, pensions, survivor benefits, employment rights, education, job and training programs, burial benefits and more.

"These are benefits that they have earned," McNally said.

The officers assemble evidence needed to support claims for the benefits, building their cases and preparing claim forms and briefs. They also present claims before government agencies, boards and appellate bodies.

The officer also volunteers or coordinates volunteers to transport sick and disabled veterans to and from VA medical facilities for treatment.

McNally said it is a labor of the love to serve as an advocate for veterans on some benefits that they don't even know about. Veterans are eligible for



Ron McNally

savings on products such as new automobiles, hotels, computers, long distance and many other items.

"It's very close to my heart," McNally said. "They say if you love what you do, you really can't call it work."

McNally replaces former Crawford County DAV Disabled Services Officer John Demorest, who took a position with the Veteran's Administration office in Gaylord.

McNally, who lives in Merrill, which is located west to Saginaw, is serving as the department service

officer on a part-time basis. Eventually, he hopes the job will become full-time so he can live in Crawford County and fulfill his duties serving veterans and their families for the next two to three decades.

"I would like to relocate if the opportunity presents itself and the circumstances allow it," he said.

McNally is available from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday. He can be reached at 344-3861.

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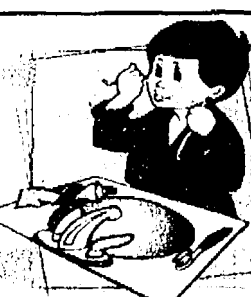
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1. Understand your own oral-health needs. Everyone's mouth is different. Talk to your dentist or dental hygienist about special conditions in your mouth and how your general health affects it.

2. Commit to a daily oral-health routine. Based on discussions with your dentist or dental hygienist, devise an effective oral-health routine that's easy to follow and specific to your situation.

3. Use fluoride. Everyone can benefit from

fluoride mouth rinses or toothpastes. Fluoride strengthens developing teeth and helps prevent decay in children and adults. Toothpastes and mouthwashes are good sources of fluoride.

4. Brush and floss to remove plaque. Everyone should brush and floss at least once a day (preferably twice or after every meal) to help remove plaque, the bacteria that constantly forms on your teeth. If plaque isn't removed every day, it can combine with sugars to form acids that lead to tooth decay, gingivitis and other periodontal diseases.

5. Make other oral-care products part of your routine. For example, Dentoool(TM) is a new, revolutionary 4-in-1 oral-care instrument that helps whiten teeth, increase tooth and gum health, remove plaque and tartar, and fight gingivitis. It consists of an explorer pick, scaling device, polishing cup and interdental brush. Available nationwide, the product has easy-to-use removable ends that conveniently reverse to allow access to each of the four attachments.

6. Use water-irrigation devices. These appliances spray a high-pressure water stream to dislodge food particles from teeth and gums. They benefit people with braces or other types of orthodontics who need extra help in removing food from between their teeth.

7. Examine your mouth regularly. Even if you visit your dentist regularly, you are in the best position to notice changes in your mouth. Your dentist sees you only a few times a year, but you can examine your mouth weekly for changes such as swollen gums, chipped teeth, discolored teeth or sores or lesions on your gums, cheeks or tongue.

8. Visit the dental office regularly. You and your dentist should talk about the frequency of your visits. Some people need to visit their dentist more frequently than others.

Meeting slated for art project development

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A meeting will be held at the beginning of March to layout tasks that will need to take place to bring Kirtland Community College and a bolstered arts presence to Grayling.

A public meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 1, at the Grayling Ramada Inn to continue the discussions of building on the Artisan Economic Model. The project community leaders have been working on for over a year will bring Kirtland Community College to Grayling to assist the project to provide classroom education.

"Dr. Thomas Quinn, the president of Kirtland Community College, will discuss 21 tasks that he is asking our community to complete that will assist with the project," said Grayling City Manager David Thayer. "Other questions from the public will be

answered at this meeting." Quinn, community and business leaders and governmental leaders have been working on creating an environment where people could take art classes and artisans could sell their wares for over the last year.

Quinn estimates that there are some 450 artists within the college's four-county service area that could teach classes in Grayling and sell their work in a huge art gallery.

By this summer, community leaders hope to have artists offer some classes and have art for sale in the 12 empty storefronts on Michigan Avenue located between Burton Court and Maple Street. The classes would focus on jewelry making, woodcarving and fine arts.

The gallery would employ up to 30 full-time and part-time employees and have a \$20 million impact on the regional economy.

Grayling man nabbed for medication theft

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A 42-year-old Grayling man was arrested by Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies after breaking into a residence and taking prescription medications.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk A. Wakefield said that at 12:45 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 15, deputies arrested the Grayling man for the breaking and entering charge. This incident happened at a residence on State Street in the City of Grayling.

The suspect was caught in the act by deputies as he exited the residence from

the back door. The suspect was taken into custody without incident.

The suspect was found in possession of multiple prescription narcotics belonging to the homeowner.

Quick thinking by an observant neighbor, who saw the suspicious man and notified police, lead to his arrest, Wakefield said.

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Sarah Palin keeps foot in presidential door

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She certainly has come a long way after earning a degree in journalism at University of Idaho and starting out as a local television newscaster, moving on to Alaska to commercial fishing and elective jobs as mayor and governor, then running for vice president, and now, after walking away from the governor's job, as a genuine celebrity who commands \$100,000 for a speech.

That's how much she was paid for addressing a national meeting of the Tea Bag movement. The price tag seemed a bit contradictory for the usual Tea Bag mantra of anti-spending, anti-government, pro-freedom appeal to the common citizen.

Tickets for the Tea Party dinner at which she spoke cost \$549, which likely ruled out attendance

by most Plumber Joes, Joe Sixpacks or even soccer moms.

Ms. Palin, of course, also is piling up royalties from a recent tell-all book about her 2008 vice presidential campaign, and has contracted for a TV gig as a national political commentator for Fox News. She also is busy stumping for selected Republican candidates in various races this year, building political chits along the way.

Sarah Palin is very busy, growing richer by the day, and is an important cog in the national Republican party.

Is she prepared to run for president in 2012? The answer seems to be a definite maybe.

Interviewed on a recent Fox News show, she said she would leave that door open.

"It would be absurd to not consider what it is that I can potentially do to help our country," Ms.

Palin said.

She said she would run for president "if I believe that is the right thing to do for our country and for the Palin family."

Ms. Palin is making all the right moves so far to place her in serious consideration for future party leadership.

Most Tea Baggers across the country seem to love her, and if both movements continue to grow in strength, Sarah Palin and her supporters will be a force to be reckoned with for both political parties.

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SCOTT BROWN – The new Republican senator from Massachusetts, who describes himself as a "Scott Brown Republican," surprised almost everyone – probably including himself – by winning a special election to succeed the late Sen.

Ted Kennedy.

Mr. Brown, who a few weeks ago was a state senator, seems to be taking his new role as Republican star quite seriously.

Asked by ABC's Barbara Walters whether he now has presidential ambitions, he refused to close the door on that possibility.

Of course, that's a prudent position for anyone in elective politics at the time, and probably could be applied to most senators, members of Congress, and most governors, too.

For Republicans, however, such dreams may be more significant, based on recent electoral successes in Virginia, New Jersey and now Massachusetts – three large and important states which Democrats usually carry.

Approval ratings for President Barack Obama have been slipping, too, from 67 percent when he took

office about a year ago, to about 50 percent now.

This combination of Republican ups and Democratic downs encourages every Republican who may have even an inkling of political ambition to ponder those age-old questions: If not me, who? If not now, when?

A relatively unknown freshman United States senator from Illinois, not long removed from his own state senate, pondered those questions a couple of years ago, and he's now in the White House.

So if not Scott Brown ... or Sarah Palin ... then who? If not 2012, then when?

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Viewpoint

By Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield

Beware of phony charitable appeals

It is as regular as clockwork. Within days of any large scale tragedy, scammers come out of the woodwork to take advantage of Americans eagerness to provide relief to the victims.

In the wake of the earthquake in Haiti, contributions to help survivors are being solicited by many groups, but not all are legitimate. Sheriff Wakefield warns donors to make certain the charity they send their hard-earned money to is properly registered with appropriate government agencies, that is describes exactly what it will do to address the needs of victims and that is is willing to provide written information about its finances and programs.

In addition to checking with the Attorney General of Better Business Bureau, donors should consider the following tips from Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield when giving in the wake a tragedy or disaster.

Be wary of appeals, which are long on emotion but short on facts describing what the charity will do to address the needs of victims and families.

If you contribute, do not give cash. Make a check of money order out to the name of the charitable organization, not to the individual collecting the donation.

If you decide to contribute online, find out more about the charity before making a contribution and be aware of red flags. For example, some charities imitate the name and style of a well-known organization in order to confuse people. Also, when clicking on the line to "donate" look at the organizations URL in the browser window. Exercise caution of the domain name is hidden, is not familiar to you or is not the same as the one stated in the text of the link.

Watch out for excessive pressure for on-the-spot donations. Be wary of requests to send a "runner" to pick up your contribution.

Do not give your credit card number or other personal information to a telephone solicitor or in response to an email solicitation. Ask the caller or sender to provide you with written information on the charity's programs and finances.

Do not hesitate to ask for

written information, which describes the charity's program(s) and finances such as the charity's latest annual report and financial statements. Even newly created organizations should have some basic information available.

Be wary of charities that are reluctant to answer reasonable questions about their operations, finances and programs. Ask how much of your gift will be used for the actively mentioned in the appeal and how much will go toward other programs and administrative and fund-raising costs.

See if the charity's appeal explains what the charity intends to do with any excess contributions remaining after they have fully funded the disaster relief activities mentioned in solicitations.

You can obtain further advice on giving, as well as access reports on national charities, by visiting www.give.org. Sheriff Wakefield reminds residents if they feel they have been the victim of a charitable "scam" to report the suspected crime by calling 989 348-4616.



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Letters to the Editor

There are honest, caring people in this community

To the editor:

I recently lost my Discover card and called Discover to check on recent transactions. There were no fraudulent charges placed on my card. Discover informed me that someone found my card and called them to let them know.

I wish I knew the person

who did this so I could personally thank him/her. With all the negativity in our present world, it is so refreshing to know that there are honest, caring people living in our community.

Kathryn Olson
Grayling

Viewpoint

By Susan Bowen,
Region 9 Area Agency on Aging

Snowbirds need to be counted

The 2010 Census is just around the corner and those of you heading south need to know how to be counted as a Michigan resident.

Being counted as a Michigan resident helps ensure that our state receives the appropriate amount of federal funding. The 2010 Census distributed in February and March will be used to determine the amount of funding state and local governments receive to provide roads, transportation, schools, businesses and other services, such as those for the elderly.

What happens if you aren't counted? Michigan stands to lose not only funding, but representation in Washington D.C. as well. In fact, following the 2000 Census, redistricting based on population caused Michigan to lose one congressman on Capitol Hill. That's one less person working to bring support for Michigan programs and advocating for the needs of our citizens. Each person who identifies Michigan as his or her state of permanent residence will bring more than \$1,000 in federal funding to the state each year.

The census form may confuse snowbirds. It is supposed to secure information about people who live in the state most of the year (six months or more).

However, the form only asks residents to list who is living at their address on April 1, 2010. Since most snowbirds are residing in their southern residence on April 1, they may complete the census form for their southern residence, rather than in Michigan. This results in the person being improperly counted as a southern state resident, even though they reside in Michigan for six months or more each year.

If you are going south for a few months or even a few weeks, here's how you can be counted as a Michigan resident:

1. If you receive a Census Questionnaire at your winter residence (and you spend less than six months there each year), you are encouraged to indicate on the form Usual Residence Elsewhere and return the form. Do not fill out any information.

2. When you return to Michigan after April 1, complete the Census Questionnaire that awaits you at your permanent residence and return the form.

3. After April 15 or if you don't find a questionnaire, wait for a census taker to come to your door.

Remember, services you depend on could be reduced if Michigan residents are counted as residents of another state.

Briefs

Free divorce clinic to be held

A free divorce clinic will take place at the Crawford County Courthouse on Feb. 18, at 5:30 p.m. It is sponsored by the 46th Judicial Circuit Bar Association, Legal Services of Northern Michigan Inc. and River House Shelter Inc. For information, call Legal Services at 989-705-1067.

Peer Mentors to offer free dinner

The 4-H Peer Mentors, in cooperation with the Operating Military Kids (OMK) program, will be hosting a free dinner for the families of current military personnel. The soup, salad and sandwich dinner will be held on Tuesday, March 2, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Additional guests of military families may attend, with a suggested donation of \$5. Register with the number of people attending, names and ages and gender of youth by Feb. 23, to the MSU Extension Office at 344-3266.

Republican Party to meet

The Republican Party of Crawford County will hold their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. the Crawford County Courthouse. Future planning events will be discussed.

Girls State interviews to be held

Interviews for candidates to Girls State will be conducted by the American Legion Auxiliary on Thursday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall. Girls State will be held in Lansing on June 27 through July 3.

TEFAP food distribution to be held

TEFAP food will be distributed on Feb. 22, from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m., at St. Francis Episcopal Church.

Church to hold fund raiser

The Grayling Free Methodist Church will have a Pampered Chef fund raiser on Saturday, Feb. 20, at 6 p.m. This fund raiser is for their Mexico Mission Trip. For more information, Liz Galloway or Rose Mary Nelson at 348-2985.

Chamber seeking nominations

The Chamber of Commerce has begun its search for a special man or woman who has given of themselves to make Crawford County a "Great Place to Live!" The Citizen of the Year is one of the highest honors bestowed by the Chamber. They are accepting nominations. If you know of a person who goes "above and beyond the call of duty," write a letter to our committee or fill out one of our nomination forms that can be found at the Chamber Office or online at www.graylingchamber.com.

Booster Blizzard Fest to be held

The Grayling Youth Booster Club will hold their 3rd annual Blizzard Fest at Camp Grayling on Saturday, Feb. 27, beginning at 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$40 per two person team for ice golfing. There will be a Euchre Tournament at 1:30 p.m., cost is \$20 per person. Contact Karen Ayers, at 348-3196 (evenings) for information or for registration. Pre-registration is a must.

Range Firing

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Feb. 25, 26 and March 1-3.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Raffle Winners

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Feb. 14 of \$25 each: Dick Kammer, Steve Eddy, John Besonen and Edna Kitchen.

Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Feb. 19 - Lunch - hot roast turkey, stuffing with gravy, peas and carrots, green beans and a banana. No Dinner. 10 a.m. card golf, 12 p.m. Lovells Satellite meal, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Sunday, Feb. 21 - Brunch - 9 a.m. to noon. home-made french toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit salad, orange juice and milk.

Monday, Feb. 22 - Lunch - Breaded chicken sandwich, winter blend vegetables, baked beans and an orange. Dinner - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, Prince Charles vegetable blend and apricots. 9:30 a.m. Back on Duty, 10 a.m. quilting, 1 p.m. Bridge and Clogging, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. TEFAP.

Tuesday, Feb. 23 - Lunch - spaghetti with meat sauce,

cauliflower, sliced carrots and apricots. Dinner - hot roast beef, boiled potatoes, Brussels sprouts and mixed fruit. 10 a.m. Bible study, 1 p.m. Euchre, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Foot Clinic - \$20, call 348-7123 for an appointment and bring your own towel, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks.

Wednesday, Feb. 24 - Lunch - beef stroganoff, noodles, carrots, cauliflower and peaches. Dinner - pork chop, sweet potatoes, peas, applesauce and cinnamon apple stick. 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. pool league, Wii Bowling and COA board meeting, 5:30 p.m. Medicine Shoppe Bingo.

Thursday, Feb. 25 - Lunch - baked chicken, boiled potatoes, green bean casserole and pineapple. Dinner - liver and onions, mashed potatoes, grapes and California blend vegetables. 10 a.m. craft class, 2 p.m. UNO Attack.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 85 complaints the week of Feb. 8 - Feb. 14.

Eighteen general non-criminal complaints, two delinquent minors, two false alarm activations, four assault/intimidation/stalkings, four burglaries/home invasions, two burglaries-forced entry-residences, five larcenies, one larceny-personal property from vehicle, five damage to properties, one damage to property-private property, one drug/narcotic violation, one obstruction violation, one obstruction to justice-conditional release violation, four public peace disorders,

one OUIL/UBAL, one food-adulterated, one invasion of privacy-other, one conservation, two miscellaneous criminal offenses, 11 traffic accidents, one inspection/investigation-motor vehicle, one lost and found property, six family troubles-domestic, seven suspicious situations and two driving violations/driving while license suspended.

Sheriff Wakefield asks, "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

For more information, log on to www.crawfordsheriff.org.

Library News

"Teen Devereaux" will be on Friday, Feb. 19, at 6 p.m. at the Devereaux Memorial Library. The movie "Aliens in the Attic" with Ashley Tisdale will be shown. You must be middle school or high school age to attend. Call 348-9214, to sign up.

The C.C.L.L. Book Club will meet at the Devereaux Memorial Library on Feb. 23, at 5 p.m. The discussion will be on "Shadow of the Wind" by Carlos Ruiz Zafon. For more information, call Jane at 348-9214.

"Prairie Home Log Cabin" will be held at the Devereaux Memorial Library on Feb. 25, at 3:30 p.m. This program is suitable for ages 6-12 and includes building your own mini log cabin. Learn about life on the prairie and enjoy an edible cabin as a snack.

Call 348-9214 to sign up.

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The Bible Speaks

Elijah Against Israel

We were reminded in Romans 11:1 that God had not cast away his people Israel, because Paul was a leading Jew of his day and God saved him. "I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin." Now in Romans 11:2,3 we see how God did not reject His people in spite of their sin against Him and His prophets. "2God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying, 3Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life."

The word "foreknew" is used in 3 different ways. It speaks of God's omniscience, intelligence or wisdom. It speaks of God's intimacy or love. And It speaks of God's intentions of grace. The word "foreknew" is translated from the Greek word "Proginosko." This same Greek word is translated foreordained in 1 Peter 1:20: "20Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you." We can better under-

stand this meaning from Acts 2:23: "23Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain." Jesus was delivered to be our savior by the determinate counsel and foreordination of God the Father. Therefore, the nation of Israel or the Jews were not cast away by God because He had already foreordained them to be His people from eternity past.

Yet, God's foremost prophet Elijah, (spelled Elias in the Greek) accused Israel of being worthy of being cast away. "Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying, 3Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life." (Romans 11:2,3). Many of the Jews of Elijah's day were apostates who had abandoned the faith of their fathers and were leading their nation into slavery and dispersion because of it.

Elijah felt left all alone: "...and I am left alone, and they seek my life." Elijah in his lifetime was involved in many colorful miracles unseen by preceding prophets. He prayed God's judgment upon Israel resulting in over 3 years

of drought and famine. Later he prayed and brought rain. God fed Elijah miraculously using ravens, a starving widow woman, and an angel during his days of hunger. Among other things, Elijah called down fire from heaven, raised the dead, parted the Jordan river, and was taken to heaven in a whirlwind. Elijah's words, "...and I am left alone, and they seek my life," came after Elijah's greatest victory on Mt. Carmel over the prophets of Baal. He fled from the threats of Queen Jezebel to sit under a juniper tree, and then fled to a cave. God told him to go back to work, and included in his schedule was the appointment of his replacement Elisha. None of us are so important we are indispensable to God.

"Jesus made a loving appeal to Israel in Matthew 23:37: "37O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Pastor "B"

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Grayling grad ready to spread Peace Corps message

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the first of their five daily prayers. She then received her water for the day, which she paid for and stored in a clay pot.

Pilon said the people walked around the village, greeting each other and inquiring about every aspect of each other's lives.

"People are just so friendly and open to having a complete stranger in their village so it was really wonderful that way," Pilon said.

Nearly all the villagers in Niger are subsistence farmers, Pilon said. The main crops are millet and sorghum, both of which are stored in granaries and pounded, by hand, to make the porridge that is the staple of people's diet. Some cash crops are onions, peanuts, tomatoes, sesame seeds and rice. Pilon said Niger is a very hot country, ranging from 75 degrees during the winter to 120 degrees during the dreaded "hot season." Livestock includes goats, sheep, cows and chickens.

As an environmental volunteer, Pilon taught people how to improve their crops by improving soil quality. She showed them how to prevent erosion, stem the spread of the Sahara Desert, which is in northern Niger, and started mango tree orchards.

She taught children how to germinate seeds and assemble a mixture of manure, clay and dirt to plant seedlings.

"It seems like a really basic thing for us to know that, but people in other countries don't have the education and just don't know those things," Pilon said. "I had fun working with the kids."

Pilon painted a world map, a map of Africa, a map of Niger and the Niger flag on the wall of a new primary school. She said most village people have no idea where other countries are and many people thought France and America were the same place.

Pilon worked with a group of 22 women in the village on a garden project. They also pooled their funds, which allowed them to take out small loans for doctors appointments and

medicine for children. The women were eventually encouraged to use their funds to buy livestock. As with many Peace Corps projects, some woman had success and others did not because of changing market conditions when they sold their livestock.

Improving a water well, which involved villagers digging out buckets of dirt and pulling them to the surface, was one of the most significant projects Pilon spearheaded.

"Everyone was excited and motivated to fix the well and now it is deep enough for everybody to have clean water," Pilon said.

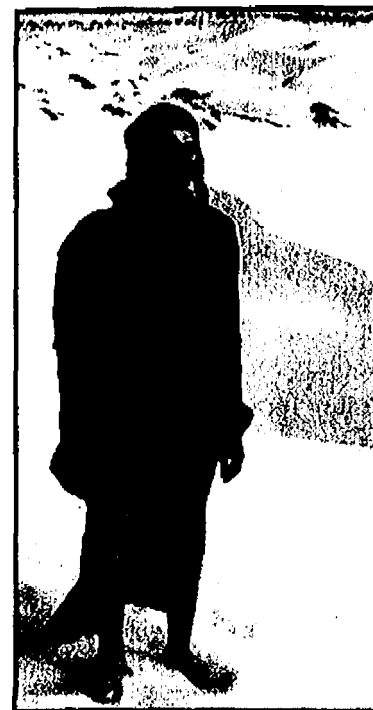
On a more personal project, Pilon lent her camera to a man in the village so he could take portraits of people. She said women in the village were too apprehensive to go to a studio in a nearby village to pose for a portrait.

Pilon recently sent the man his own camera to support his livelihood.

"I bought him a camera here in the states and now it's on its way over there," Pilon said. "It's an income generating thing for him because the whole village is almost entirely illiterate."

Life in Niger was not all work and no play. Pilon had the chance to spend time with nomadic cattle herders in the Sahel, an ecoclimatic and biogeographic zone of transition between the Sahara desert in the north and the Sudanian savannas in the south, which stretches across the north of the African continent between the Atlantic Ocean and the Red Sea. She attended a male beauty pageant — called Geerwol, saw a country-wide wrestling match, which is the national sport, and took a trip to surrounding countries of Burkina Faso, Ghana, Togo and Benin.

Unfortunately, Pilon's Peace Corps mission was cut a month short when Al-Qaeda operatives had moved into the region for a potential kidnapping. Pilon said all Americans were required by the U.S. Embassy to relocate to a Peace Corps hostel, a place where volunteers could visit



Crystal Pilon recently returned to Grayling after just under two years with the Peace Corps in Niger. Above, Pilon is pictured in Tal Desert near N'Guigmi.

or rest, during their missions. Pilon said she felt safer in the village than being amongst 25 Americans in one location if the terrorists carried out the kidnapping. Eventually, armed guards were called in to protect the Peace Corps volunteers before they left West Africa five days later.

Pilon has been able to keep in contact with the people in Niger through use of cellular phones capable of communicating across the globe.

"They pass the phone around to the women and the kids and it's really neat," she said. "I'm really lucky that I can stay in touch."

Pilon's life is now in limbo after returning to Grayling. She is spending time with her family and working at the Grayling K-Mart.

Pilon has applied for a job to serve as a Peace Corps recruiter, which would allow her to go into schools and universities, and educate people about the Peace Corps. She is also considering attending the Culinary Institute of America to become a pastry chef.

Pilon has not ruled out another overseas mission with the Peace Corps, but said bouts with stomach illness due to drinking dirty water and learning another language are challenges she would face.

"I don't know if I want to go through all of that again, but we'll see," she said.

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'Sheer luck' leads to pot bust

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Deputies went to the residence, made contact with the homeowner, who stated that his house had just been broken into. The homeowner later acknowledged that the marijuana was his. Deputies seized approximately 12 pounds of marijuana, the weapon and a large amount of currency. Wakefield estimated that the street value for the marijuana was between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

Alexander said it was "sheer luck" that they were able to make the pot, weapons and breaking and entering bust.

Wakefield differed with that opinion. "It's fantastic police work," Wakefield said. "Most people would have blown right by them going to another call."

Pete Daniel Merithew, 28 of Frederic, and his brother, Russ Lee Merithew, age 26,



Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies kept thousands of dollars of marijuana off the streets last week after arresting two Frederic brothers while on their way to investigate an unrelated breaking and entering complaint. Above, Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield is pictured with Deputy Ryan Swope and Deputy Jason Alexander with the marijuana, safe, burglary tools and rifle they seized.

were each charged with a half-dozen felonies including: home invasion second-degree, a 15-year felony and \$3,000 fine; burglary tools-possession, a 10-year felony; weapons firearms-possession by felon, a five-year felony and \$5,000 fine; controlled substance/delivery manufacture marijuana, a four-year felony and a \$20,000 fine; weapons-felony firearm-second offense, which carries a five-year consecutive which will be tacked on the primary charge.

In addition, the Merithews are being charged by the court for being a habitual offenders

third-offense. Pete Marithew was convicted for conspiracy to commit armed robbery and weapons-felony firearms in Feb. 24, 2000. Russ Merithew was also convicted for conspiracy to commit armed robbery and weapons-felony firearms on Aug. 7, 2000.

The Merithews remain in the Crawford County Jail in lieu of paying 10 percent on \$50,000 bonds.

An arraignment for the 54-year old man, who lived in the house where the marijuana, safe and rifle were taken, will be held in Crawford County District Court on Wednesday, Feb. 24.

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Snowmobile Fun Run helps animal shelter

The 6th Annual Snowmobile Fun Run to benefit the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter, held Jan. 30, raised \$1,156.50 for the shelter's homeless dogs and cats.

This year's Fun Run event was organized and sponsored again by Mary Becker of Nationwide Corporate Promotions. Other sponsors included Dingman's Bar, Grayling Auto Repair, North Country Lodge, Great Lakes Power Sports (Flint), and Total Power Sports (Gaylord). Hosting the event at stops on the run were The Keg Bar, Swamp II, Ramada Inn, Ted's Canadian Steak & Fish Co., and The Ole Barn.

"We were a little concerned about a week before the event that Mother Nature was not going to cooperate, but she brought us fresh snow and cold weather," said Becker. "This event is very dear to my heart because I know the funds raised are going toward a noble cause,

the sheltering and care of dozens of homeless dogs and cats at AuSable Valley Animal Shelter."

The Keg Bar, in Waters, provided lunch following registration. About 40 people participated in this year's Fun Run.

From The Keg, participants took a leisurely ride visiting all sponsors and ending back at The Ole Barn in Grayling for dinner and prize drawings.

"We know it was a sacrifice for many people to come out and support the Fun Run this year," said Judy Frederick, president of AuSable Valley Animal Shelter. "So many people are having a tough time. We really appreciate everyone's concern for the dogs and cats at the shelter and look forward to next year's event. We are especially grateful for all the efforts of Mary Becker. She is truly a friend of the animals."

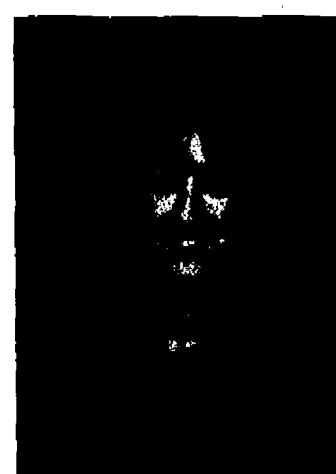
Any questions regarding next year's Fun Run should be directed to Mary Becker at (586) 242-1179, or via email at marybecker@yahoo.com. A limited supply of t-shirts in sizes small and medium are available at the shelter for a donation of \$5 each.

The shelter is located at the old Crawford County Fairgrounds in Grayling. Hours are Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Sundays and holidays 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. See dogs and cats awaiting adoption online at www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org. The shelter's phone number is (989) 348-4117.

AuSable Valley Animal Shelter is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Over 85% of shelter expenses are paid for through fundraising events and private donations. All donations are tax-deductible. Donations may be sent to AVAS, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738-0384.

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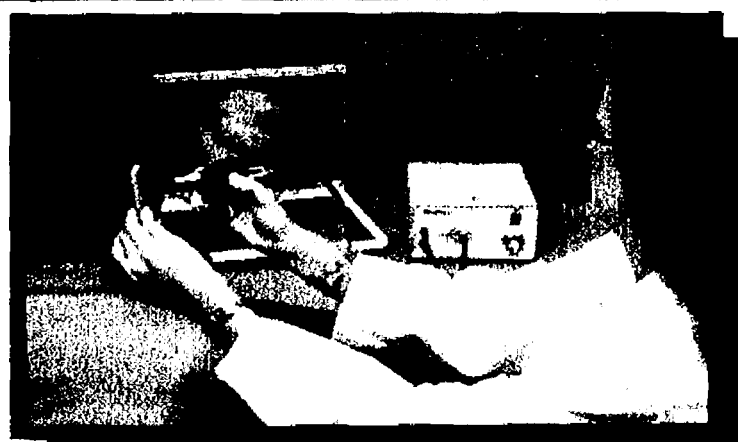
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Vikings fall to Bucks again in wrestling playoffs

Seven wrestlers place in top four at individual districts

Once again, a familiar nemesis — the Roscommon Bucks — has ended the Grayling High School wrestling team's playoff run.

Including 2010, the Bucks have eliminated the Vikings in seven of the last eight years (2009 regional finals, 2007 regional semifinals, 2006 district semifinals, 2005 district finals, 2004 regional finals, 2003 district finals).

This year, Grayling faced Roscommon in the championship match of the District 168-3 tournament, an event held at Roscommon High School last Wednesday.

The teams started at the 160-pound weight class, a division that Grayling won with a second round pin by Derek Babbitt. Grayling forfeited at 171. Matt Townsend (189) was leading 10-0 when his opponent was disqualified for stalling. Joe Contreras (215) pinned his Roscommon counterpart in the first round. GHS led 18-6.

The Bucks won the heavyweight division with a 9-2 decision. Roscommon scored pins at 103 and 112. The Bucks won 20-8 at 119 to lead 25-18.

Joe White (125) pinned his Roscommon opponent

in the first round. The Bucks won at 130 with a 10-3 decision. Roscommon led 28-24 with four weight classes to go.

The Bucks won by pin at 135. At 140, Brandon Handrich scored a third round pin to pull Grayling within four, 34-30. In the last two bouts, 145 and 152, Roscommon scored pins and clinched a district championship. The final score was Roscommon 46, Grayling 30.

In the semifinals, Roscommon defeated Oscoda 57-24.

Grayling won 54-18 vs. Houghton Lake in its district semifinal match.

The Bobcats won the first two matches, 152 and 160, to lead 9-0. Townsend (171) and Contreras (189) both won by default. Grayling forfeited at heavyweight. Jerry Bergey (103) and Carey Brodak (112) pinned their Houghton Lake opponents in the first round. Cody Elmy (119) and White (125) won by default. The Bobcats won a 10-3 decision at 130. Dan Duvall (135) pinned his Houghton Lake counterpart in the second round. Handrich (140) scored a first round pin. Jacob Ervin (145), in the last weight class of the



Matt Townsend battles a Roscommon opponent during Wednesday's district tournament.



Jerry Bergey tries for a pin vs. Houghton Lake on Wednesday night.

match, won by default. On Saturday, seven Vikings placed in the top four at individual districts — a tournament hosted by Benzie Central — to qualify for individual regionals.

Grayling's regional qualifiers included: (140)

Handrich, 4th; (171) Townsend, 2nd; (189) Contreras, 3rd; (heavyweight) Peters, 3rd; (103) Bergey, 3rd; (112) Elmy, 3rd; (125) White, 1st.

Roscommon will host the Region 9-3 tournament on Saturday, Feb. 20.

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GMS Girls Basketball

8th grade — Grayling Middle School's 8th grade girls basketball squad opened its 2010 season with a 29-27 loss vs. Boyne City in a game played at GMS



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last Thursday.

"This was a tough loss to start our season. The girls played great team basketball, seeing the open players and making good passes. We started the game a little slow, probably because of nerves," Coach Sarah Frisbie said. "By the second quarter we had four of our five starters in foul trouble. We had several bench players step up and play some good minutes."

"All of the girls played great tonight and showed what heart they had to come back and make it a very

close game, but in the end we just couldn't close it out," Coach Frisbie said.

Leading scorers for GMS: Cierra Prosser, 6 points, 4 assists, 4 steals; Victoria Doster, 6 points, 5 rebounds; Meagan Malm, 4 points, 5 rebounds; Makayla Cragg, 4 points; Tara Pummell, 3 points; Rachel Dubriwny, 2 points, 2 rebounds; Marilyn Jankowski, 2 points, 3 steals; Colbie Wakeley, 2 rebounds, 3 steals.

The Vikings will host East Jordan on Monday, Feb. 22.

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Katie Lange, left, competes in the slalom event at last Thursday's regional meet at Schuss Mountain. Roger Heggie, right, skis in the giant slalom event for Grayling at regionals.

Two Grayling skiers qualify for state finals

Two members of Grayling High School's boys ski team placed high enough at Thursday's regional meet - an event held at Schuss Mountain - to qualify for the state finals. The two squads - boys and girls - did not, however, finish high enough as groups to advance past regionals.

Grayling's boys team -

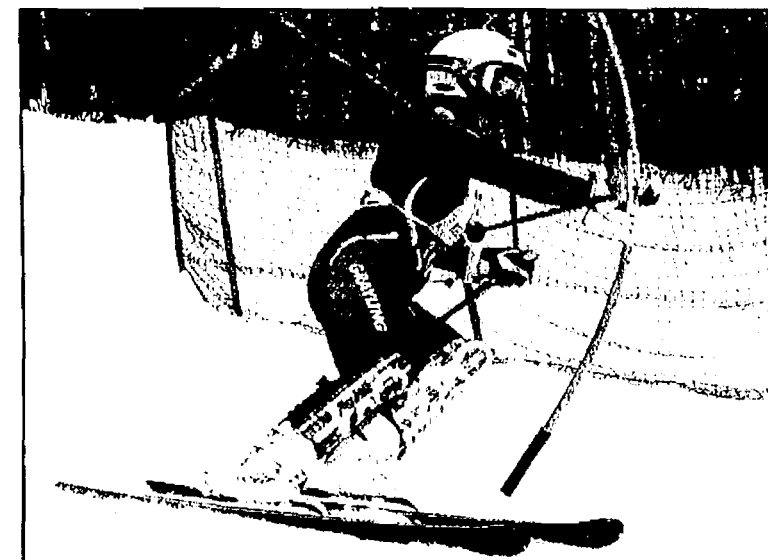
led by state qualifiers Mike Olson and Matt Hilbrecht - finished fourth out of 12 teams on Thursday. The Vikings finished with 135 points - 12 behind third place Traverse City St. Francis and 44 points behind first place Cadillac. Manistee took second. The top three teams at regionals advance to the state finals.

Olson took 6th in slalom and 7th in giant slalom (GS). Hilbrecht finished 7th in slalom and 9th in GS. Both skiers qualified for the state finals in both events.

Other regional placements for GHS included: (boys) Brady Coe, 22nd slalom, 16th GS; Matt Dunkel, 34th slalom, 34th GS; (girls) Katie Lange,

11th, slalom, 20th GS; Ciara Summers, 28th slalom, 15th GS; Peggy Currison, 22nd slalom, 26th GS; Emily Wingard, 32nd slalom, 33rd GS.

As a group, the girls finished sixth out of 11 teams. Manistee (1st), St. Francis (2nd), and Maple City-Glen Lake (3rd) were the top three.



Emily Wingard, left, and Ciara Summers, right, ski in the slalom competition at regionals on Thursday morning.

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Vikings unable to hold 4th quarter leads vs. Rams

Boys win, girls lose at Elk Rapids on Friday

Both of Grayling High School's varsity basketball teams had fourth quarter leads vs. the visiting Harbor Springs Rams last Tuesday, but they were unable to weather late rallies and Harbor Springs won both contests by small margins.

In the girls' game – the first of Tuesday night's varsity basketball league doubleheader – Grayling led 9-7 after one quarter, 17-11 at halftime, and 27-20 after three periods.

Harbor Springs scored an inside shot to start the fourth quarter. Two free throws by Teresa Schreiber put the Vikings back up by seven. At the 4:33 mark, Jo Hamlin scored on a drive to the basket. Grayling led by nine.

The Rams outscored Grayling 13-0 in the final 4:33 to win by four, 35-31.

"We knew that defense would determine the outcome for us," Coach Kelly Sheehan said. "We only allowed them to score 20 points after three quarters but could not contain them for the final quarter. We had 29 team turnovers, which allowed Harbor Springs back in the game and down the stretch they made their free throws."

Leading scorers for GHS were: Schreiber, 12 points, 6 rebounds, 2 steals; J. Hamlin, 8 points, 6 rebounds, 2 steals; Ashley Feldhauser, 4 points, 2 assists; Abbey Thomas, 5 points, 8 rebounds; Ann Hamlin, 2 points, 6

rebounds, 3 steals.

In the boys' contest, Grayling led 14-11 after one period and had a 33-26 advantage at halftime. The Vikings took a one-point lead – 43-42 – into the fourth quarter.

Two free throws by Jensen Aubry gave GHS a three-point lead. At the 6:24 mark Harbor Springs hit a three-pointer to take its first lead. A drive by Steven Enos put the Vikings up by one. The Rams scored three points to lead by two. A jump shot by Enos tied the game at 50-50. Harbor Springs converted a three-point attempt at the 4:24 mark to retake the lead. Free throws by Enos and Colin Hamlin tied the game at 53-53. Drives by Harbor Springs and Enos left the score tied at 55-55.

The Rams scored six unanswered points in the next minute of clock time. Hamlin hit two three-pointers in the final 16 seconds, but Grayling lost by three, 68-65.

Enos had 30 points for GHS. Hamlin had 21 points. Jake Helsel had a team-high eight rebounds.

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On Friday, Grayling won the boys' game but lost the girls' game in a conference series at Elk Rapids.

The Vikings won the boys' match by 19 points, sealing the victory with a 17-9 fourth quarter performance.

"Our chemistry and teamwork was top notch in this

Lake Michigan Conference	
Boys Basketball	Girls Basketball
St. Francis9-0	Kalkaska9-0
Charlevoix8-2	St. Francis8-1
GRAYLING6-4	Elk Rapids6-4
Kalkaska5-4	Boyer City4-6
Elk Rapids5-5	Charlevoix4-6
East Jordan3-7	East Jordan4-6
Harbor Springs3-7	Harbor Springs3-7
Boyer City0-10	GRAYLING1-9
Last week's scores	
Harbor Springs 68, Grayling 65	
Grayling 79, Elk Rapids 60	
East Jordan 57, Elk Rapids 53	
Charlevoix 64, Kalkaska 63	
Charlevoix 56, Boyer City 53	
St. Francis 48, Boyer City 34	
E. Jordan 57, Harbor Springs 53	
Last week's scores	
Harbor Springs 35, Grayling 31	
Elk Rapids 46, Grayling 34	
E. Jordan 48, Harbor Springs 47	
Elk Rapids 54, East Jordan 48	
St. Francis 55, Boyer City 26	
Boyer City 48, Charlevoix 47	
Kalkaska 60, Charlevoix 35	
Kalkaska 55, St. Francis 44	

game. I was very pleased with how our kids handled adversity in this game and played through it – we showed poise on the court," Coach Rich Moffitt said.

"Jensen Aubry played outstanding on the boards and moving the ball to the open man. Steven Enos and Colin Hamlin were steady on the offensive side of the court – big improvement with free throws, combining for 14 of 17 free throws. Jake Helsel and Griffin Dean gave us some solid minutes inside. Zane Tobin hit some nice midrange shots and played with intensity at both ends of the court. (David) Bergan and (Riley) Zigala were outstanding defensively," Coach Moffitt said.

Enos had 26 points, six rebounds, and four steals. Hamlin finished with 20 points, seven assists, and six steals. Tobin scored 11

points. Aubry had nine rebounds and Dean had seven rebounds.

Grayling lost 46-34 in the varsity girls basketball game at Elk Rapids on Friday.

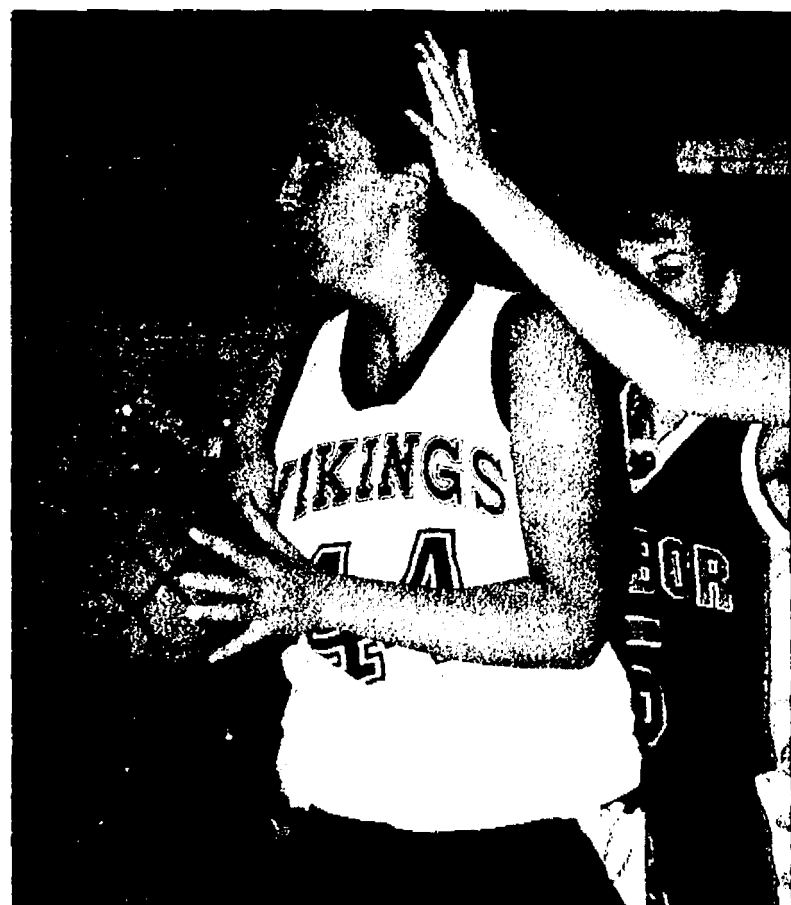
"This was our best overall game of the season so far. Our defense was tough and made Elk Rapids fight for every point. We controlled the game, but missed several close shots which we needed to make. We outplayed them, we just didn't outscore them," Coach Sheehan said.

Leading scorers for GHS: Thomas, 12 points, 6 rebounds, 3 blocks; Schreiber, 8 points, 4 steals, 3 assists, 4 rebounds; A. Hamlin, 7 points, 3 steals, 9 rebounds; J. Hamlin, 7 points, 4 rebounds.

The Vikings (boys: 10-4 overall, 6-4 league; girls: 3-13 overall, 1-9 league) will host Traverse City at St. Francis in a varsity doubleheader on Friday, Feb. 19.



Steven Enos drives to the basket for the Vikings on Tuesday night vs. the Rams.



Abbey Thomas looks for an open teammate during last week's game vs. Harbor Springs.

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JV teams fall to Rams, Elks

The GHS junior varsity boys and girls basketball teams both lost to Harbor Springs and Elk Rapids in league games played last week.

On Thursday, the Vikings lost 64-58 in the boys' contest. Grayling led 16-9 after one quarter, but the visiting Elks opened the second period with a 10-2 run. The score was tied - 27-27 - at halftime. The Vikings took a 45-43 advantage into the fourth period.

At the 4:50 mark, Elk Rapids hit a three-pointer to take a six-point lead. Two free throws put the Elks up by eight, and the Vikings never got closer than four the rest of the way.

"Our defensive pressure was terrible the whole game. We gave up several uncontested three-pointers and Elk Rapids could drive to the rim at will. We played pretty well on offense for the first three quarters but hit a scoring drought in the fourth."

Coach Chris Kucharek said. "We must find a way to close games!"

Leading scorers for GHS: Scott Parkinson, 23 points, 6 rebounds; Thomas Burrell, 20 points, 9 rebounds, 6 steals; Josh McBride, 10 points.

The Vikings lost 66-47 at Harbor Springs on Monday night.

"During the first half we battled foul trouble and illness but managed to take a 29-27 lead into halftime. Unfortunately, our team offense shut down in the second half. We only scored 18 points for the half and seven points in the fourth quarter," Coach Kucharek said. "We must be more effective in the final quarter of the game."

Grayling's scoring leaders included: Parkinson, 15 points, 10 rebounds; Thomas Burrell, 13 points, 6 rebounds; Ryan Randall, 7 points; Josh McBride, 5 points.

Elk Rapids defeated Grayling's JV girls basketball team 48-26 on Thursday in a game played at GHS. "The girls played really hard and well all game. We just missed too many shots and allowed Elk Rapids to get a run in at the end of the third quarter," Coach Craig Hofman said.

Grayling trailed 20-11 at halftime, but the Vikings rallied to pull within five - 24-19 - at one point in the third quarter. The Elks outscored GHS 12-0 for the rest of the period, however, and Elk Rapids led 36-19 going into the fourth quarter.

"We played a lot of girls and did a lot of different things and the girls adjusted well. Our passing improved greatly since the last game," Coach Hofman said.

Leading scorers: Caitlin Prosser, 11 points, 10 rebounds; Hannah Haven, 7 points, 7 rebounds; Jamie Denton, 4 points, 4

rebounds; Josie Swander, 3 points, 3 steals; August Ledesma, 1 point.

The Vikings lost 52-12 at Harbor Springs on Monday.

"This is what happens when you play the best JV team in the league and you don't show up to play. The girls were not ready to play a tough physical game and came out very flat. We had a ton of unforced turnovers to go along with the forced ones. We struggled with the simple tasks and then did not hustle and play aggressively," Coach Hofman said. "We played better in the second half defensively and offensively but struggled hitting the outside shot."

Scoring leaders: Prosser, 5 points, 7 rebounds; Haven, 6 points, 10 rebounds; Swander, 1 point, 3 rebounds, 2 steals.

Grayling (boys: 5-9 overall, 2-8 league; girls: 3-11 overall, 1-7 league) will play at Traverse City St. Francis on Thursday, Feb. 18.

Bowling Leagues

Recreation League

Robin Smith CPA... 28 - 8
GMH-NCC... 18 - 18
Days Inn... 18 - 18
Grayling Nursing... 18 - 18
American Legion... 16 - 20
Woody Girls... 16 - 20
Ball Buster's... 16 - 20
Glen's Market... 14 - 22
High Series: M. Richardson, 567; S. Johnson, 531; P. Younglove, 515. High Game: M. Richardson, 232; P. Younglove, 205; S. Johnson, 191.

Sunday Mixed Doubles

Fick and Sons... 33 - 23
Team #10... 31 - 25
Spikes... 31 - 25
Gray Rock... 28 - 28
Shocker... 25 - 31
Bloomquist... 20 - 36
High Series Men: T. Sheldon, 619; L. Ostrowski, 582; R. Dent, 575. High Game Men: T. Sheldon, 237; L. Ostrowski, 204; R. Dent, 201. High Series Women: D. Johnson, 484; L. Mead, 469; S. Mead, 460. High Game Women: C. Sheldon, 188; A. Rauch, 184; J. Dent, 170.

Pioneer League

Legion... 25 - 7
T.C. Lawncare... 21 - 11
Ole Dam... 18 - 14
Grayling Rest... 17 - 15
Riverland... 15 - 17

5B's... 15 - 17
Tim's Collision... 14 - 18
High Series: C. Clark, 548; S. Johnson, 517; T. Rock, 515. High Game: S. Johnson, 201; K. Moshier, 200; C. Clark, 195.

Senior League

Dana Transport... 25 - 3
Spike's... 16 - 12
Legion Lanes... 15 - 13
Flowers By Josie... 15 - 13
Sylvester's Sports... 13 - 15
Lone Pine... 10 - 18
Bear's Den Pizza... 10 - 15
Gaylord Electric... 8 - 20
High Series Women: C. Wyatt, 509; D. Hollis, 489; P. Harris, 468. High Game Women: C. Wyatt, 202; D. Hollis, 189; P. Harris, 181. High Series Men: L. Wyatt, 607; D. Williamson, 516; L. Crampton, 513. High Game Men: L. Wyatt, 237; L. Crampton, 197; D. Williamson, 193.

American Men's League

Primary Electric... 10 - 4
Joels Team... 9 - 5
Thayers Crew... 9 - 5
Marty's Firewood... 9 - 5
Fenton's Auto... 7 - 7
IMM... 6 - 8
Moore's Auto... 4 - 10
McLean's Ace... 2 - 12
High Series: J. Lehman, 622; Lance Davis, 596; J. Thayer, 591.

High Game: Lonnie Davis, 233; Lance Davis, 226; J. Lehman, 225.

Friday Mixed Doubles

L & L Hauling... 26 - 16
American Legion... 25 - 17
Northern Lawn... 21 - 21
Dharma Music... 20 - 22
Hill Top... 20 - 22
Double Trouble... 19 - 23
Don Nester... 19 - 23
Moshier Auto... 17 - 26
High Series Women: J. Williamson, 551; S. Johnson, 515; C. Brannan, 499. High Game Women: J. Williamson, 203; C. Brannan, 183; S. Johnson, 178. High Series Men: G. Mastroeni, 674; J. Lehman, 616; P. Benardo, 608. High Game Men: G. Mastroeni, 244; B. Harris, 224; J. Lehman, 230.

Thursday Morning Coffee

Bill's Harem... 13.5 - 6.5
Ladybugs... 12 - 8
Thanks "A Latte"... 12 - 8
Bowling Buds... 10.5 - 9.5
Casino Bums... 9 - 11
Fearless... 9 - 11
Snow Tops... 8 - 12
Wanna Bees... 6 - 14
High Series Women: R. Brown, 493; C. Osborne, 461; C. Clark, 445. High Game Women: R. Brown, 193; N. Glasslee, 169; C. Osborne, 166. High Series Men: D. Canfield, 586; B. Hollis, 525;

H. Blake, 489. High Game Men: D. Canfield, 222; B. Hollis and H. Marquardt, 191.

Pool League

Women's Standings Final
Frederic Inn... 149
Ole Barn... 146
Ramada II... 115

Gray Rock... 109
Growlers... 105
Ramada I... 90
5 Ball Run: Sharon

((Ramada II), Cheryl (Growlers), Sandy (Ole Barn), Teresa (Gray Rock.)

Legal Action

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 10-7683-DE

Estate of Virginia I. Galvani
Date of Birth: November 1, 1954.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
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Date: 2/12/10

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The Borrower may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's website or by calling the Michigan State Housing Development Authority at http://www.michigan.gov/mshda or at (866) 946-7432.

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SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP

**February 9, 2010
Regular Board
Meeting and Budget
Public Hearing
Minutes
Unapproved**

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.
Attending: L. Luck, S. Luck, George, Janisse and Musselman.
Absent: None.
Pledge of Allegiance.
Public Comment: None.

Motion by Janisse, and seconded by S. Luck, to accept agenda as presented with addition. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by S. Luck, and seconded by George, to accept consent agenda, January Regular and Special Meeting Minutes, bills and invoices paid, and projected bills for February, and the Treasurer's Report as presented, and Fire/EMT Report. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by S. Luck, and seconded by Musselman, to approve payment of invoice from Competition Auto in the amount of \$1,860.16 for repairs on ambulance. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by S. Luck, and seconded by George, to approve for payment the attorney invoice in the amount of \$766.00. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Janisse, and seconded by L. Luck, to adopt the Assessor Employment Agreement with recommended changes. Roll call vote: George: Aye. L. Luck: Aye. S. Luck: Aye. Musselman: Aye. Janisse: Aye. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by S. Luck, and seconded by Janisse, to adopt the Poverty Exemption Guidelines for 2010 as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by L. Luck, and seconded by George, to adopt the revised forms and fee schedule for Platted & Non-Platted Combinations and Splits, with disclaimer on Special Meetings. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Janisse, and seconded by S. Luck, to accept for payment the invoice, in the amount of \$1,095.00 from BS&A Software for service and tech support for the year 2010. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by S. Luck, and seconded by Musselman, to approve the amendment to the 2009/10 Budget under Fire Fund. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by S. Luck, and seconded by L. Luck, to approve the amendment to the 2009/10 Budget under General Fund. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Musselman, and seconded by Janisse, to approve the amendment to the 2009/10 Budget under Road Fund. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Supervisor Luck opened the Budget Public Hearing at 9:20 p.m. The Board reviewed the proposed 2010/2011 South Branch Township Budget. The Public Hearing on the Budget closed at 9:34 p.m. The floor was opened to Public Comment, there was none. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Star Adkison, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 501 Ionia St. Grayling, MI 49738-1505.

The Borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The agent designated by the Mortgage Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder to contact and that has authority to make agreements under MCL sections 600.3205b and 600.3205c is: Trott & Trott, P.C., 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 at (248) 593-1309

The Borrower may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's website or by calling the Michigan State Housing Development Authority at <http://www.michigan.gov/mshda> or at (866) 946-7432.

If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from February 15, 2010, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after February 15, 2010.

If the Borrower and the agent designated above reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the Borrower abides by the terms of the agreement.

The Borrower has the right to contact an attorney. The telephone number of the State Bar of Michigan's Lawyer Referral Service is (800) 968-0738.

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Date: February 18, 2010
For more information, please call: FC D (248) 593-1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525
File # 310457F01

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE

FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Myron Farrier aka Myron E. Farrier and Melody Sytek aka Melody F. Sytek, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 27, 2008, and recorded on November 6, 2008 in Liber 693 on Page 777, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Four And 77/100 Dollars (\$158,444.77), including interest at 6.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 24, 2010.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 8, 9, 10 and 11, Block 6, Grayling Park, Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1, Page 26, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 18, 2010
For more information, please call: FC L (248) 593-1312
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #304005F01

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGEMENT

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Pursuant to a Judgement of Foreclosure entered November 14, 2009 in ProBuild North, LLC v Terry A. Maurer and Many Ann Maurer, being Crawford County Case Number 09-8613-CH(M), of the mortgage recorded October 9, 2009 in Liber 697, Pages 658-659, Crawford County Register of Deeds, said Judgement being in favor of plaintiffs and against defendants jointly and severally in the sum of Twenty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Thirteen and 41/100 (\$29,413.41) Dollars, plus statutory interest at the rate of seven percent (7%) per annum, resulting in a total amount of Twenty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Four and 18/100 (\$29,884.18) Dollars due and owing as of February 4, 2010, plus per diem interest accumulating at the rate of Five and 77/100 (\$5.77) Dollars for every day thereafter until the date of sale,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the hereinafter described parcel of real property will be sold at public sale, at the main entrance of the Crawford County Courthouse located at 200 Michigan Avenue in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on March 24, 2010.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Beaver Creek, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, to wit:

Lot 35 and Lot 43 of Deerfield Estates Number 3, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 4, Page 593, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 4, 2010

Kirk Yodzevicis (P61161)
Byram Harrelson Hass, PLC
Attorneys For Mortgagee
P.O. Box 1040
Gaylord, MI 49734
(989) 732-7544 x 206

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Barbara A. Rouse and Keith H. Rouse, wife and husband, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated July 18, 2005, and recorded on December 22, 2005 in Liber 679 on Page 136,

in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Six Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty And 68/100 Dollars (\$106,880.68), including interest at 6% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 3, 2010. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots number 34, 35, 36 and 37 of Block 3 of Portage Lake Park, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, as recorded in Liber 1 on Page 17.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 28, 2010
For more information, please call: FC D (248) 593-1309

Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #266047F02

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Ann Marie Barnes, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 11311 Burton Way, Roscommon, MI 48653-7635.

The Borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The agent designated by the Mortgage Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder to contact and that has authority to make agreements under MCL sections 600.3205b and 600.3205c is: Trott & Trott, P.C., 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 at (248) 593-1313

The Borrower may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's website or by calling the Michigan State Housing Development Authority at <http://www.michigan.gov/mshda> or at (866) 946-7432.

If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from February 12, 2010, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after February 12, 2010.

If the Borrower and the agent designated above reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the Borrower abides by the terms of the agreement.

The Borrower has the right to contact an attorney. The telephone number of the State Bar of Michigan's Lawyer Referral Service is (800) 968-0738.

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Date: February 18, 2010
For more information, please call: FC F (248) 593-1313
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525
File # 309742F01

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Rachel A. Watson, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 1005 Ogemaw St, Grayling, MI 49738-1315.

The Borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The agent designated by the Mortgage Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder to contact and that has authority to make agreements under MCL sections 600.3205b and 600.3205c is: Trott & Trott, P.C., 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 at (248) 593-1311

The Borrower may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's website or by calling the Michigan State Housing Development Authority at <http://www.michigan.gov/mshda> or at (866) 946-7432.

If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from February 12, 2010, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after February 12, 2010.

If the Borrower and the agent designated above reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the Borrower abides by the terms of the agreement.

The Borrower has the right to contact an attorney. The telephone number of the State Bar of Michigan's Lawyer Referral Service is (800) 968-0738.

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Date: February 18, 2010
For more information, please call: FC J (248) 593-1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525
File # 295189F02

Notice Lovells Township Board of Review

The Lovells Township Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 8405 Twin Bridge Road, on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 2, 2010, at 4:30 PM.

Meetings To Hear Assessment Protests: Monday, March 8, 2010, from 9 AM to 3 PM and Wednesday, March 10, 2010 from 3 PM to 9 PM.

By Board resolution, residents are able to protest by letter, or FAX (989) 348-6437, provided protest letter is received prior to close of last meeting (March 10, 2010 @ 9 PM). Letter and Faxed protests must be accompanied by a complete L-4035 Form.

Tentative ratio and the estimate multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2010 are as follows:

Class	Tentative Ratio	Factor
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Opening Meetings Act), MCLA41.72a(2)(3) and the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The Lovells Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meetings or public hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Lovells Township Board.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Lovells Township Board by writing or calling the following:

Cynthia Infante, Clerk or Fred Schaibly, Supervisor
8405 Twin Bridge Road, Grayling, MI 49738;
(989) 348-9215

NOTICE BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Beaver Creek Township Board of Review will hold an Organizational Meeting Monday, March 01, 2010 at 12:00 Noon in the Beaver Creek Township Hall for the purpose of reviewing the 2010 Assessment Roll. The Board of Review will meet with taxpayers Monday, March 8, 2010, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Thursday, March 11, 2010, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., in the Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8888 S. Grayling Road, Grayling.

The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Beaver Creek Township:

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	FACTOR
Agriculture	58.09	0.8607
Commercial	50.99	0.9806
Industrial	50.00	1.0000
Residential	59.89	0.8349

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA42.72a(2)(3) and the American With Disabilities Act (ADA).

Beaver Creek Township will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting, upon seven (7) days notice to Beaver Creek Township.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Beaver Creek Township by writing or calling the following.

Brian Ashton, Supervisor
Beaver Creek Township
888 S. Grayling Road
Grayling, MI 49738
(898)275-8878

Brian Ashton
Beaver Creek Township Supervisor

Notice City of Grayling Board of Review

The City of Grayling Board of Review will meet at the City Hall, 1020 City Blvd., Grayling, on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 2 at 3:30 PM.

To Hear Taxpayer Petitions: Wednesday, March 10, 2:00 to 5:00 PM & 6:00 to 9:00 PM. Also Friday, March 12, 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon & 1:00 to 4:00 PM.

2010 tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for real and personal property located within the City of Grayling are as follows:

Class	Tentative Ratio	Factor
Commercial	49.38	1.00000
Industrial	49.70	1.00000
Residential	49.92	1.00000
Personal	50.00	1.00000

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a(2)(3) and the American With Disabilities Act (ADA).

The City of Grayling will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting, upon seven (7) days notice to the City of Grayling.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Grayling by writing or calling the following:

Christie Verlaac, Assessor
1020 City Blvd.
P.O. Box 549
Grayling, MI 49738
(989)348-2131

Christie Verlaac, Assessor

Legal Action

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Laura M. Clark a single person, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Bank, NA, Mortgagee, dated October 12, 2004, and recorded on October 19, 2004 in Liber 671 on Page 956, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Four And 63/100 Dollars (\$60,664.63), including interest at 6.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 3, 2010.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: All that part of the North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 22, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, lying East of Chase Bridge Road. Also parcel A: All that part of the North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 26 North Range 2 West lying Southwestly of State Highway M-72.

Also Parcel B: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 23, town 26 North, Range 2 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County Michigan; Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 23, thence South 89 degrees 12 minute East (along the East and West 1/4 and West 1/4 line), 400 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 1 degrees 17 minutes East 165 feet; thence North 31 degrees 27 minute West 391.05 feet; thence South 89 degrees 13 minutes East 185.5 feet to the Southwestly right of way of M-72; thence South 41 degrees 00 minutes East (along the right of way) 664.85 feet of the East and West 1/4 line, thence North 89 degrees 12 minutes West 421.7 feet to the point of beginning, according to the Survey Recorded in Liber 183, page 266, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 28, 2010
For more information, please call: FC D (248) 593-1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #299670F01

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NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE

USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael Robert Lee, a married man and Elizabeth Ann Lee, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 15, 2006 and recorded July 6, 2006 in Liber 682, Page 244, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Bank of America, National Association as successor by merger to LaSalle Bank National Association as Trustee Residential Funding Company, LLC its Attorney in Fact by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Seventeen and 73/100 Dollars (\$147,217.73) including interest at 9.625% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MARCH 17, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: A Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 29, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, Commencing at the Northwest Corner of said tract and running South 1 degree 07 minutes West on the West line thereof, 456.6 feet to the Northerly line of highway M-76 right of way; thence South 66 degrees 47 minutes East along same 222.15 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 66 degrees 47 minutes East along same, 310.55 feet; thence North 1 degree 05 minutes East, 668.15 feet; thence Westerly, 288 feet; thence South 1 degree 05 minutes West, 544.1 feet to the point of beginning. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: February 11, 2010 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 617.3102 ASAP# 3436013 02/11/2010, 02/18/2010, 02/25/2010, 03/04/2010

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NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James Roberts, a single man, to Access Mortgage and Financial, Mortgagee, dated May 27, 2003 and recorded June 18, 2003 in Liber 639, Page 468, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Mortgage Company by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Eighteen and 17/100 Dollars (\$59,818.17) including interest at 6.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is

hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MARCH 3, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point 452 1/2 feet West of the Southeast corner of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4, Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, thence West 75 feet; thence North 300 feet; thence East 75 feet; thence South 300 feet to the point of beginning, n/k/a Lot Numbered 2, Assessor's Plat of Switzerville, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 31, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 28, 2010 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 200.5723 ASAP# 3421649 01/28/2010, 02/04/2010, 02/11/2010, 02/18/2010

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kim D. McClain, a single female, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 20, 2005, and recorded on January 26, 2005 in Liber 673 on Page 537, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Six Thousand Four Hundred One And 14/100 Dollars (\$86,401.14), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 24, 2010.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 4, Block 13, of Hadley's Second Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 18, 2010
For more information, please call: FC D (248) 593-1309
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File #303936F01

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the Northwest 1/4 of Section 26, Town 28 North, Range 4 West The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 28, 2010
For more information, please call: FC X (248) 593-1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #079283F04

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kim D. McClain, a single female, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 20, 2005, and recorded on January 26, 2005 in Liber 673 on Page 537, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Six Thousand Four Hundred One And 14/100 Dollars (\$86,401.14), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 24, 2010.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 4, Block 13, of Hadley's Second Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 18, 2010
For more information, please call: FC D (248) 593-1309
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NOTICE OF

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jonathan C. Sopsack and Catherine B. Sopsack, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 29, 2005, and recorded on August 15, 2005 in Liber 676 on Page 781, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-One Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Five And 88/100 Dollars (\$91,965.88), including interest at 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 3, 2010.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Being part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Town 25 North, Range 4 West, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 24; thence South 0 degrees 56 minutes West, along Section line 1151.85 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 0 degrees 56 minutes West along Section line 164.55 feet; thence South 89 degrees 52 minutes West along 1/8 line 657.25 feet; thence North 0 degrees 56 minutes East 164.3 feet; thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 40 seconds East 657.25 feet to the point of beginning. This parcel is the East 1/2 of a parcel pf land described in Warranty Deed recorded in Liber 121, Page 355, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 28, 2010
For more information, please call: FC S (248) 593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #299123F01

-28-4-11-18

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE

FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Tammy M. Peterson, a married woman and Brad W. Peterson, her husband, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 2, 2007, and recorded on November 8, 2007 in Liber 689 on Page 224, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Forty-Eight And 99/100 Dollars (\$129,048.99), including interest at 6.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 17, 2010.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, commencing 56.0 feet East and 484.5 feet South from the Northwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 26 North, Range 4 West; thence North 86 degrees 46 minutes East a distance of 463.7 feet; thence South 0 degrees 49 minutes West a distance of 251 feet; thence South 89 degrees 49 minutes West 350 feet more or less to the North bank of AuSable River; thence Northwestly upstream along said river bank a distance of 182.0 feet, more or less, thence North 99.0 feet to the place of beginning.

Together with an easement for purpose of ingress and egress over and across the presently existing trail road which traverse the property South of the above described property to the County Road as described in a Land Contract recorded in Liber 61, page 231, Crawford County Records and a survey recorded in Liber 202, page 584, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 11, 2010
For more information, please call: FC X (248) 593-1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #260487F02

-11-18-25-4

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Grayling Township's Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 2nd, 2010 at 10 am at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738, 989-348-4361.

The Board of Review will re-convene at the same address to meet with taxpayers starting at 9 am Monday, March 8th, 2010, until 12 noon and then 1 pm until 4 pm. This year the Board of Review will also be held on Thursday, March 11th from 6-8 pm, and also Saturday, March 13th from 9 am until 12 noon. Petitioners will be received on a "first come first served" basis. You can also protest by mail: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738 or fax to 989-348-6713.

Class	Tentative Ratio
Agricultural	50.00
Commercial	50.00
Industrial	50.00
Residential	50.00

All correspondence must be received by March 13, 2010.

Terry R. Wright, Supervisor
Monica Ashton, Clerk
MBOR/pak

TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

The Maple Forest Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting on March 2, 2010 at 9 am.

The Board of Review will meet with the public on:
Mon., March 8, 2010 9am - noon
1pm - 4pm

Thurs., March 11, 2010 1pm - 4pm
6pm - 9pm

All meetings will be held at the township hall, located at 8996 N. Sherman Rd.

The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications, and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

CLASSIFICATION	TENTATIVE RATIO	FACTOR
Real Property	50.00	1.0000
Agriculture	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000

Personal	50.00	1.0000
Utilities	50.00	1.0000

Mark D. Kniss
Supervisor
Maple Forest Township

NOTICE FREDERIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Frederic Township Board of Review will meet its Organizational Meeting at the Frederic Township Hall at 7564 County Rd. 612, Frederic MI on Tuesday March 2, 2010 at 1:00 PM.

The Board of Review will meet with the public on:

Tuesday, March 9, 2010 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Thursday, March 11, 2010 from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Saturday, March 13, 2010 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Taxpayers may protest by mail or fax prior to the last day of Board Review.

The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Frederic Township:

CLASSIFICATION	TENTATIVE RATIO	FACTOR
Agriculture	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	49.55	1.0000
Industrial	49.62	1.0000
Residential	49.72	1.0000
Timber Cut-Over	49.80	1.0000

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended. (Open Meetings Act), MCLA42.72a (2) (3) and the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

William T. Johnson, Frederic Township Supervisor

Legal Action

MORTGAGE SALE

*THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ALL INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

Default having been made for more than thirty (30) days and the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Carl B. Craft and Judith A. Craft (a.k.a. Judy A. Craft), Husband and Wife, to The Huntington National Bank, One Financial Plaza - MI015, 10717 Adams Street, Holland, Michigan, Mortgagee, dated the 18th day of March, 2003, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan on the 25th day of March, 2003, in Liber 625 on Page 8, Crawford County Records, and properly assigned to Fourteen Corporation by Mortgage Assignment dated May 21, 2007 and recorded on June 1, 2007, at Liber 687, Page 125, Crawford County Records, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Three Hundred and Thirty-Four Thousand One Hundred and Forty-One Dollars and Eleven Cents (\$334,141.11) and an attorney's fee as provided for in said Mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the money as secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof and the entire sum claimed due is, as of the date hereof, fully due and payable.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on the 24th of March, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., local time, the undersigned will, immediately inside the Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling Michigan, (that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, the premises described in said Mortgage for so much thereof which may be necessary to pay the amount due on said Mortgage, with interest that accrues at the rate of \$59.64 per day and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, together with said attorneys fee, and also any sum or sums which may be

paid and are by Mortgagee necessary to protect its interest in the premises, which premises are described as following, to-wit:

Land situated in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, State of Michigan described as:

Description #1: The North 1/2 of the South 2/3 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4; AND the South 1/3 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 6, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, EXCEPT that part of the above description described as: Commencing at a point on the Southwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 6; then North 180 feet; thence East 660 feet; thence South 180 feet; thence West 660 feet to the point of beginning.

Commonly known as: 557 S. I-75 Business Loop, Grayling, MI Tax ID: 20-040-41-006-14-040-00 and

Description #2: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 6, Town 26 North, Range 3 West; thence West on the Southerly boundary line of said tract a distance of 250 feet to the point of beginning; thence West on said boundary to the Southwest corner of said tract; thence North on the Westerly boundary line of said tract a distance of 180 feet; then North 87°09' East to a point due North of the point of beginning; thence South to the Point of Beginning.

Commonly known as: 615 S I-75 Business Loop, Grayling, MI Tax ID: 20-040-41-006-14-060-00

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed except in the event the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA § 600.3241(a), in which case the property may be redeemed during the thirty (30) days immediately following the sale.

FOURTEEN CORPORATION, MORTGAGEE BY: RHOADES McKEE

Date: February 10, 2010

David E. Bevins (P48955) 161 Ottawa, N.W., Ste. 600 Grand Rapids, MI 49503 616-235-3500

-18-25-4-11

MORTGAGE SALE

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by JEFFREY M. KLAYO and STACEY L. KLAYO, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns., Mortgagee, dated November 22, 2005, and recorded on January 12, 2006, in Liber 679, on Page 411, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-One Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars and Ten Cents (\$91,489.10), including interest at 6.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on

March 24, 2010

Said premises are located in Crawford County, Michigan and are described as: LOT 16, INDIAN GL'NS OF THE AUSABLE, UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 3 OF PLATS, PAGE 10, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 10, 2010 Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns,

Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335

-18-25-4-11

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Martin G. Selden and Lorraine E. Selden Trust Dated November 1, 1999

DOB's 6/22/1927 and 10/10/1928

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:

The decedents, Martin G. Selden

and Lorraine E. Selden, whose last known address was 1230 Little John, Grayling, Michigan 49738, died February 3, 2010, and September 19, 2009, respectively.

The decedents were the Settlers of Martin G. Selden and Lorraine E. Selden Trust Dated November 1, 1999 ("Trust").

Creditors of the decedents are notified that all claims against the Trust will be forever barred unless presented to the current acting Trustee (whose name and address appears below) of the Trust within four (4) months of the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the Trust will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Dated: February 11, 2010 Rex A. Wolfson 2385 Roy St. Helen, MI 48656

Ronald C. Meiring (P24261) Attorney for Trust P.O. Box 676 Prudenville, Michigan 48651 (989)366-7361

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NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to George K. Bindschatel and Kimberly M. Bindschatel, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 5885 Chickasaw Trl, Frederic, MI 49733-8718.

The Borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The agent designated by the Mortgage Servicer and/or

Mortgage Holder to contact and that has authority to make agreements under MCL sections 600.3205b and 600.3205c is: Trott & Trott, P.C., 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 at (248) 593-1313

The Borrower may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's website or by calling the Michigan State Housing Development Authority at http://www.michigan.gov/mshda or at (866) 946-7432.

If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from February 12, 2010, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after February 12, 2010.

If the Borrower and the agent designated above reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the Borrower abides by the terms of the agreement.

The Borrower has the right to contact an attorney. The telephone number of the State Bar of Michigan's Lawyer Referral Service is (800) 968-0738.

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT.

ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Date: February 18, 2010

For more information, please call: FC F (248) 593-1313

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder

31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200

Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525

File # 309903F01

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FREDERIC TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Frederic Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on March 15, 2010 starting at 7:00 pm in the Frederic Township Hall located at 7564 County Rd. 612.

The public hearing will be to receive comment on a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance and to hear any other business that comes in front of the board. The following (10) ten properties are being considered for rezoning from Recreational Forest zoning district to Commercial zoning district, the parcels, owned by, parcel numbers, and known addresses are:

- 031-026-003-140-00 N. OLD 27 HUGHES, WILLIAM & CATHY
- 031-026-003-160-00 7519 N. OLD 27 FRALEY, ARLENE
- 031-026-003-120-00 7543 N. OLD 27 BENEDETTI, JOSEPH W. & EVA B.
- 031-026-002-030-01 7963 N. ROSECRANS DRIVE ROSECRANS, WILLIAM
- 031-026-002-030-02 7829 N. ROSECRANS DRIVE SMITH, WILLIAM D.
- 031-023-015-043-00 ROSECRANS, WILLIAM S. & VERA H.
- 031-023-015-041-00 7459 WILDFONG DRIVE WILDFONG, DARLENE & HARRY C.
- 031-023-015-046-00 8101 ROSECRANS DRIVE WILDFONG, HARRY C. & DARLENE M.
- 031-023-015-021-00 8295 N. OLD 27 JOHNSON, AMY LYNN
- 031-023-014-060-00 8309 N. OLD 27 FREDERIC AUTO RECYCLERS, LLC
- 031-023-014-080-00 8481 OLD 27 PARTELLO, DUSTIN & GREEN, CHEL

Amendment to the Commercial District Section 4.03.3 (Uses Subject to Special Use Permit)

- 11. Single Family Dwellings
- 12. Two Family Dwellings
- 13. Motel or Hotel

All interested parties are invited to attend the hearing and comment on the proposed re-zoning constituting a Zoning Ordinance amendment. For additional information or to provide written comments prior to the hearing contact Zoning Administrator, Doug Pratt at email pratt@frederictownship.org or by phone at (989) 348-8778 Ext. 3. You may also see all tentative information during normal business hours by coming to the township hall.

The Frederic Township Planning Commission has an opening on the committee. Anyone interested in serving on the Planning Commission please submit a letter of interest to Zoning Administrator Doug Pratt at P.O. Box 78, Frederic, MI 49733 or by email at pratt@frederictownship.org. All letters must be received by March 4, 2010 at 2 pm.

2010 CRAWFORD COUNTY TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS					
CLASS	ASSESSED	EQUALIZED	RATIOS	FACTORS	
BEAVER CREEK - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2009					
101 Agricultural	120,000	103,288	58.09	0.8607	
201 Commercial	3,834,400	3,759,953	50.99	0.9806	
301 Industrial	13,814,800	13,814,800	50.00	1.0000	
401 Residential	69,049,670	57,647,078	59.89	0.8349	
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-	
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL REAL	86,818,870	75,325,119			
TOTAL PERSONAL	21,515,900	21,515,805	50.00	1.0000	
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	108,334,770	96,840,924			
FREDERIC - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2009					
101 Agricultural	-	-	-	-	
201 Commercial	2,152,600	1,889,571	56.96	0.8778	
301 Industrial	451,500	449,522	50.22	0.9956	
401 Residential	69,527,548	67,150,423	51.77	0.9658	
501 Timber Cut-Over	1,675,200	1,710,435	48.97	1.0210	
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL REAL	73,806,848	71,199,951			
TOTAL PERSONAL	7,267,500	7,267,500	50.00	1.0000	
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	81,074,348	78,467,451			
GRAYLING - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2009					
101 Agricultural	-	-	-	-	
201 Commercial	10,409,300	9,955,336	52.28	0.9564	
301 Industrial	13,976,400	13,905,923	50.25	0.9950	
401 Residential	242,517,200	225,011,319	53.89	0.9278	
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-	
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL REAL	266,902,900	248,872,578			
TOTAL PERSONAL	6,959,100	6,595,100	50.00	1.0000	
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	273,862,000	255,467,678			
LOVELLS - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2009					
101 Agricultural	-	-	-	-	
201 Commercial	2,335,300	2,325,996	50.20	0.9960	
301 Industrial	-	-	-	-	
401 Residential	71,276,200	61,646,947	57.81	0.8649	
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-	
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL REAL	73,611,500	63,972,943			
TOTAL PERSONAL	4,521,400	4,521,501	49.99	1.0002	
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	78,132,900	68,494,444			
MAPLE FOREST - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2009					
101 Agricultural	-	-	-	-	
201 Commercial	1,048,300	1,018,558	51.46	0.9716	
301 Industrial	1,526,400	1,481,079	51.53	0.9703	
401 Residential	27,086,000	22,223,498	60.94	0.8205	
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-	
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL REAL	29,660,700	24,723,135			
TOTAL PERSONAL	4,193,150	4,193,150	50.00	1.0000	
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	33,853,850	28,916,285			
SOUTH BRANCH - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2009					
101 Agricultural	-	-	-	-	
201 Commercial	3,966,800	4,017,419	49.37	1.0128	
301 Industrial	-	-	-	-	
401 Residential	118,440,500	94,585,929	62.61	0.7986	
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-	
601 Developmental	1,025,100	805,516	63.63	0.7858	
TOTAL REAL	123,432,400	99,408,864			
TOTAL PERSONAL	3,633,400	3,633,400	50.00	1.0000	
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	127,065,800	103,042,264			
CITY OF GRAYLING - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2009					
101 Agricultural	-	-	-	-	
201 Commercial	37,907,000	37,509,400	50.53	0.9895	
301 Industrial	5,913,800	5,485,900	53.90	0.9276	
401 Residential	22,299,300	19,485,582	57.22	0.8738	
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-	
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL REAL	66,120,100	62,480,882			
TOTAL PERSONAL	7,392,300	7,392,300	50.00	1.0000	
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	73,512,400	69,873,182			

Features

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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



February 19, 1987 - Everyone enjoys the GPA basketball games including this all-star group of cheerleaders. Shown are (from left to right) Betty Bennett, Norma Naour, Judy Weaver and Mo McNamara.

23 Years Ago February 19, 1987

The Grayling High School Forensics team consists of Kim McDonough, Erin Hickey, Andrea Bedard, Chris Bindschatel, Julie Fisher, Lori Dean, Jamie Montoya, Stacey Gizinski, Deanna Watson, Wayne Sands, Karl Schmidt, Mindy Meredith, Shelly Brooks, Joanna Myers, Amy Denton and Leslie Holden.

During a special ceremony on Oct. 20, 12 new members of Grayling High School were inducted into the National Honor Society. The new members are Carolyn Trudgeon, Sue

Casler, Jenny Money, Angela Larson, Jennifer Adkins, Andrea Bedard, Jeff Renaud, Scott Lehto, Ronald Medley, Timothy Cook, Mike McNamara and Joseph Francis.

Viking senior Fred Fisher won the Michigan Huron Shores Conference 132 pound weight division and six other Grayling wrestlers won medals. Fisher became the 33rd Grayling wrestler to win a conference title.

Twelve Special Olympians from Area 4 joined over 800 other impaired athletes from throughout the state last week to compete in the Michigan Winter Special

Olympics, held at Sugarloaf Resort. Crawford County athletes were led by Angie Piehl's gold medal in the snowshoe race. Dawn Whaley and Tom Ferguson each captured bronze medals and Jerry Harris won two ribbons in cross-country skiing.

46 Years Ago February 20, 1964

Another form of entertainment in their continuing effort to raise money for the next Fourth of July celebration, the Grayling Fire Department will present a Donkey Basketball game in the Grayling High School gym.

A car belonging to George Leas of Grayling, was stolen from the Legion Bowling Alley parking lot on Feb. 14. Two boys ages 14 and 15 were picked up in Manistiquette with the car on Feb. 15.

The Grayling Gulf Service station, 607 Cedar Street, is having a clearance sale on ReCap Snow tires \$10.95 per tire or two for only \$21.

69 Years Ago February 20, 1941

Ted Leslie is driving a new 1941 Special deluxe Chevrolet Sport sedan purchased from Alfred Hanson.

The Owens family of Maple Forest is quarantined

with scarlet fever.

Alfred Orhn, skiing instructor at the Grayling Winter Sports Park, broke the jump record Saturday with a jump of 82 feet. The former record was made by Clarence Hall of Detroit and was 75 feet.

Last Thursday, "Johnnie" Johnson turned in a game of 267 to set a new high record for the Bowlodrome. Bowling with Carl Doroh, he threw six strikes in a row. Miss Lucy Moore hung up a high new record for women in the match against West Branch, getting a 203.

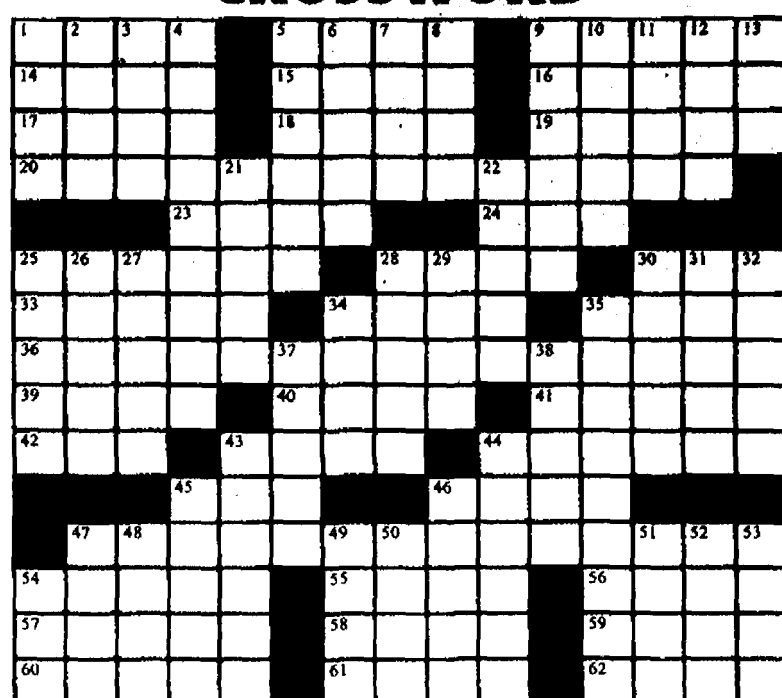
92 Years Ago February 21, 1918

George Burke says he will begin the construction of his proposed garage just as soon as the weather will permit. This will be a fine two story brick, with basement. The lower floor will be used as a Ford service station.

The Grayling Fuel Company is a new concern in Grayling with T.P. Peterson and Chris Hoesli as proprietors. They will handle all kinds of coal, coke and wood.

Bernard Callahan of Frederic has accepted a position in the depot at Waters.

CROSSWORD



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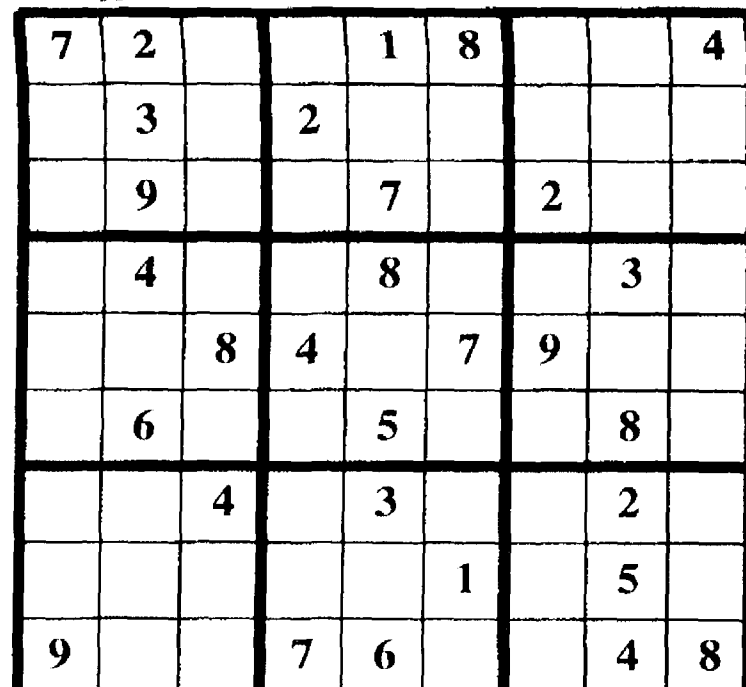
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5. Fruit
9. Reproduced in print
14. Fleshy fruit part
15. Indian bread
16. "Got Mail"
17. Asian tongue
18. Roloids rival
19. Spice
20. Conforming to certain standards
23. Carnival attraction
24. Follow
25. Blue moon, e.g.
28. Dilute
30. Ground cover
33. Biscotti flavoring
34. Its quarter says "Birthplace of Aviation Pioneers"
35. "Do ... others as..."
36. Means of agency
39. Designer fashion label
40. Home, informally
41. Mike holder
42. Chester White's home
43. Bad marks
44. Area where vines are grown
45. "rang?"
46. Emily of "Our Town"
47. Tried by military law
54. Sky sight
55. Assortment
56. Forum wear
57. Kins
58. Christmas decoration
59. Aroma
60. Hike
61. They're tapped
62. Medical advice, often

Down

1. "What've you been ...?"
2. Essen basin
3. Smelter refuse
4. Beekeepers
5. Not picked up
6. Bandage material
7. Dalai
8. Acad.
9. Magnate
10. Offspring
11. Fast feline
12. "... there is no ... angel but Love!" Shakespeare
13. Animal house
21. Fertilizer ingredient
22. Dostoyevsky novel, with "The"
25. Busts
26. Theologian François
27. Hazardous
28. "... are the days of our lives"
29. Clue
30. Marsh bird
31. Aquatic mammal
32. Composer Richard ... Cate
34. Black cat, maybe
35. Capital of Mongolia
37. Full-length
38. Accused's need
43. Classical Greek verb tense
44. Turns down
45. Tentlike dwellings of Turkic peoples
46. Dry, in a way
47. "Bye now"
48. About
49. Faux
50. Sunburn relief
51. Bank deposit
52. Freudian topics
53. Blowgun ammo
54. Corn holder

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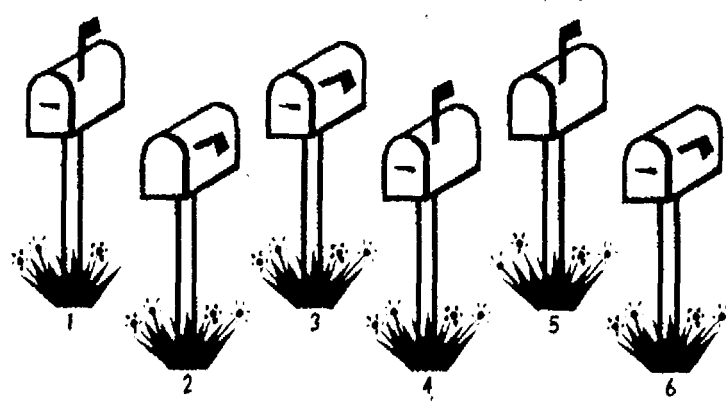


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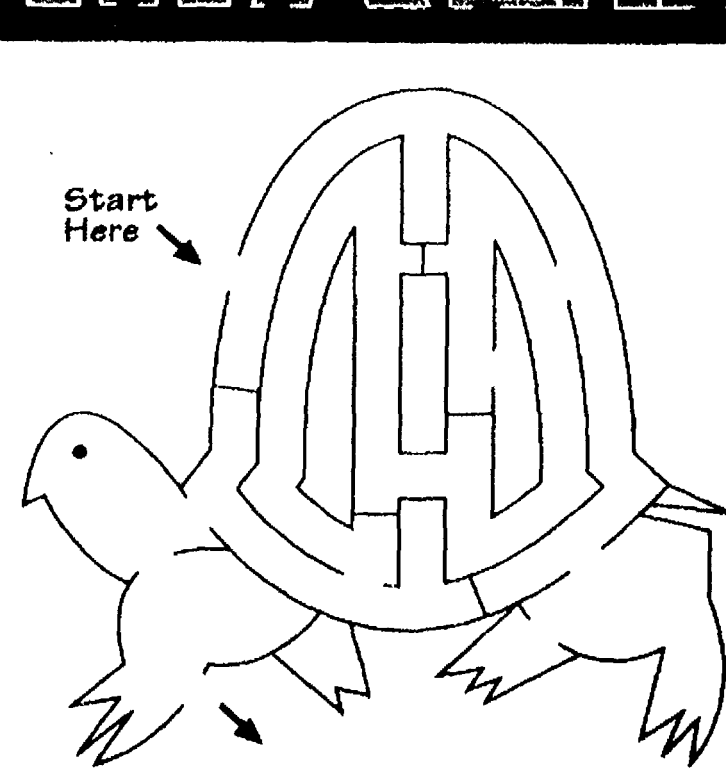


FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



MAZE



HOROSCOPES

For the week of February 18, 2010



CAPRICORN
January 19 - February 18
Stay true to your heart this week. Capricorn, and all will turn out well. A financial crisis passes. Make a mental note not to get into the situation again.



ARIES
March 21 - April 19
Broken promises are not the end of the world, Aries. Before you get into a tizzy, find out what's going on behind the scenes. You will be amazed at what you uncover.



CANCER
June 22 - July 22
This week is all about relationships. Make sure yours are solid and can withstand troubled waters. Cancer: A business associate presents you with an incredible opportunity.



LIBRA
September 23 - October 22
Your supervisor ups the ante, but you don't have reason to worry, Libra. You have what it takes to get the job done right. A love letter ends the week on a high note.



AQUARIUS
January 20 - February 18
Way to go, Aquarius. Your proposal is well received. An amazing turn of events at home ignites the flames of love. Enjoy your evening out on the town.



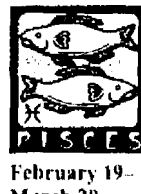
TAURUS
April 20 - May 20
A routine checkup uncovers a problem. Don't delay, Taurus. Nip it in the bud. Love blossoms and relationships deepen. A deadline draws near.



LEO
July 23 - August 22
A friend clues you in to their troubles. Do what you can to help, but don't overwhelm them, Leo. A wrinkle in travel plans smooths itself out.



SCORPIO
October 23 - November 21
Game over, Scorpio. You have held out for far too long. Give in and watch the passion sizzle. A charitable cause beckons. Hear the call.



PISCES
February 19 - March 20
Love is in the air. Seize the moment and hold on tight, Pisces. A message from afar makes everything right at home. Bring everyone together to celebrate.



GEMINI
May 21 - June 21
This is one buck you don't want to pass. No matter how hard it may seem, Gemini, take up the cause and forge ahead. You won't believe what happens.



VIRGO
August 23 - September 22
Romance heats up and passion burns bright, Virgo. Take that special someone out for dinner and let the sparks fly. An auto issue resurfaces.



SAGITTARIUS
November 22 - December 21
Reach out, Sagittarius, and be reached. This week is all about connection. Connect with those you know and those you don't, and enjoy the rewards.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

ADOPT A PET

WE'RE OVERLOADED! The animal shelter is currently very full of animals in need of loving homes, just like yours. Help these very adoptable pets find homes, adopt today! Visit our website for more information.



Aretha
Aretha is a very pretty 8 month old retriever mix. She is fun, affectionate and playful. This pretty girl likes other active dogs and a good romp in the yard. She does need a bit of work on her manners, but has a lovely temperament. Aretha has been spayed, vaccinated and microchipped. All she needs now is a forever home.

Visit us at: www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org
AuSable Valley Animal Shelter
5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling
Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds
Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday through Saturday,
10 to 12 pm on Sundays and Holidays
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117
For more pets or more information, visit our website www.asc.petfinder.com

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



CHICKEN LO MEIN

- Ingredients:**
- 1/2 lb. Spaghetti, uncooked
 - 1 lb. Boneless Skinless Chicken Breasts, cut into strips
 - 2 Cloves Garlic, minced
 - 1 pkg. (16 oz.) Frozen Bell Pepper and Onion Strips, thawed, drained
 - 2 Tbsp. chopped Peanuts
 - 1/2 cup Fat-Free Reduced-Sodium Chicken Broth
 - 1 Tbsp. Peanut Butter
 - 1/4 cup lite soy sauce
 - 2 Tbsp. chopped cilantro
 - 1/4 cup Asian Toasted Sesame Dressing

Directions: COOK spaghetti in large saucepan as directed on package. MEANWHILE, heat dressing in large nonstick skillet on medium-high heat. Add chicken and garlic; stir-fry 3 min. or until longer pink. Add vegetables, broth and peanut butter; stir-fry 3 to 4 min. or until chicken is done. DRAIN spaghetti; return to pan. Add chicken mixture and soy sauce; mix lightly. Spoon onto platter; top with cilantro and nuts.

Prep Time: 25 min • Total Time: 25 min
Makes: 4 servings

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast					
Date	H	L	Snow Inches	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
2/9	32	-1	8						
2/10	23	5	9						
2/11	24	18	9	High 29	High 30	High 29	High 29	High 28	High 29
2/12	28	16	9	Low 20	Low 17	Low 16	Low 16	Low 16	Low 14
2/13	27	15	9						
2/14	27	16	8	Snow Showers	Snow Showers	Partly Cloudy	Snow Showers	Mostly Cloudy	Snow Showers
2/15	29	19	9						

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www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com

Classifieds must be paid for in advance
Display Advertising Rate - \$8 per column inch
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1. Real Estate

HOUSE FOR SALE 2-3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, \$72,500. 586-446-0004. (-2/8/10/tf/1)

RENT TO OWN 3 bedroom home in Grayling, \$51,000. Call 313 294-3266. (-18-25/1)

2. For Rent

NICE CLEAN TWO BEDROOM mobile with garage, washer/dryer and appliances. No pets. \$425 plus deposit. 348-2418. (-18-25-4-11/2)

3 BEDROOM HOUSE 10 miles south of Grayling off Old 27. No pets. 989-821-6225. \$600 per month plus deposit and utilities. (12/03/09/tf/2)

1. Real Estate

Century 21
BUYING OR SELLING?
REAL ESTATE QUESTIONS?
Call Pete Kocenas
www.Century21Grayling.com
989-344-1800
Grayling

Mich-Can Statewide Classified

Adoption

CONSIDERING ADOPTION? We have love and security to provide your baby a bright future. Let's help each other. Expenses paid. Patty & Lou 1-888-877-0683, pattyandlou@optonline.net.
ADOPTION: Happily married couple desires to give newborn a secure, loving home and family. We'll cherish your baby forever. Expenses paid. Randi and Michael. 1-800-881-1482.

Business Opportunities

ALL CASH VENDING! Do you earn up to \$800/day? Your own local candy route. Includes 25 Machines and Candy. All for \$9,995. Call 1-888-744-4651.

Careers/Training

AIRLINES ARE HIRING - Train for high paying Aviation Maintenance Career. FAA approved program. Financial aid if qualified - Housing available. Call Aviation Institute of Maintenance (888) 349-5387.
NEW YEAR! NEW CAREER! You May Qualify for 100% Paid Training. Military Spouse Tuition Assistance Available. "Healthcare" Information Technology. New Horizons Computer Learning Centers, Detroit 888-449-9571. Lansing/Flint 888-456-7209. Grand Rapids/Kalamazoo 866-371-2287. www.nhgreatlakes.com.
ATTEND COLLEGE ONLINE from home. "Medical" "Business" "Paralegal" "Accounting" "Criminal Justice". Job placement assistance. Computer available. Financial Aid if qualified. Call 877-895-1828.

Financial Services

"ALL HOME LOANS" Land Contract & Mortgage Payoffs. Home-Improvements. Debt Consolidation. Taxes. Purchase your dream-home. Zero down possible. Good/Bad/Ugly Credit. 1-800-246-8100 United Mortgage Services www.umsmortgage.com

Real Estate For Sale

FREE FORECLOSURE Listings Over 400,000 properties nationwide. LOW Down Payment. Call NOW! 1-800-774-0912.
FORECLOSED HOME AUCTION 200+ Homes/Feb 27, "open House 2/13, 20, 21" View Full Listings, www.Auction.com.
LOWEST PRICED ELEGANT CONDOS for those 55 & older. Look on the web-Oscola Senior Condominiums. You will be impressed or call for brochure 800-386-7133.

Miscellaneous

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM seeks local coordinators. Passionate about your community? Help us expand! Unpaid but monetary/travel incentives. Must be 25+ Visit exchange.org or call 877-216-1293.
PLACE YOUR STATEWIDE AD HERE! \$299 buys a 25-word classified ad offering over 1.6 million circulation and 3.6 million readers. Contact mich-can@michiganpress.org.

2. For Rent

SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200 Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007/tf/2)

VIKING VILLAGE

APARTMENTS are now taking applications for immediate availability. Very nice two bedroom, two bath apartments approximately one mile west of Grayling off M-72. Units in this quiet community include central air conditioning, attached garage, paved lighted streets and driveways, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer. Lawn care, snow removal and garbage pickup included in annual lease. Contact Herb Olson, at 989-348-9456, for more information. (03/26/09/tf/2)

WHISPERING PINES APARTMENTS

Whispering Pines Apartments is currently accepting applications for 1-and 2-bedroom apartments. We are accepting applications for Seniors 62 years of age and older and Handicap/Disabled persons, regardless of age. Income-based rent is available. Apartments feature walk-in closets, air conditioning and open living areas. Rent includes heat, domestic hot water and more. For more information, or to tour the property, please call (989)344-0020.

Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777

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2. For Rent

CLEAN 2 BEDROOM HOUSE in St. Helen. Natural gas, stove and refrigerator, new carpet. \$425/rent per month, \$425/security deposit. No pets. Section 8 ok. 989-275-8499 or 989 915-2002. (-11-18/2)

FOR RENT 2 BEDROOM apartment with garage. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer, dryer included. Quiet neighborhood. Security deposit required. 348-8471. (-4-11-18-25/2)

2 BEDROOM 2 CAR garage on mainstream of AuSable. \$595 plus deposit, no smoking. New flooring, refinished. 344-9038. (12/15/09/tf/2)

CABINS AT LOST ACRES Cabin #2, #3 & #5 from \$300 - \$475, including utilities, near Blue Gill Lake. No pets, 11010 N. Old 27. Mike at 231-590-3699 or Leo 877-227-6976. (12/10/09/tf/2)

TWO BEDROOM DUPLEX 700 sq. feet, new insulation, drywall, doors, etc. Storage, laundry hookup, lawn care, snowplowing, adult nonsmoking unit. \$495, 700a Smith St. Phone 348-2178. (12/07/09/tf/2)

HOUSE OR APARTMENT for rent 348-3215. (-11-18/2)

5 YEAR OLD LOG cabin, 2 bedrooms, large bath in Hartwick Pines off 93. \$600 a month, 248-388-2623. (-4-11-18/2)

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COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR RENT 6251 M-72 West, 1/2 mile from city. Large parking lot, 840 sq. ft. suitable for office, retail, beauty shop, \$550 month, 989 348-4716. (1/11/10/tf/2)

FOR LEASE 3 BEDROOM home located in town, newly decorated with basement. Call 989 710-1194 to apply. (-1/21/10/tf/2)

FOR RENT PROFESSIONAL OFFICE space located in downtown business area. \$300 per month, utilities included. Call 989 710-1194 or 989 370-2745. (-1/28/10/tf/2)

VERY CLEAN AND NICE 2 bedroom house in country on 1 acre with attached garage, all appliances plus washer and dryer, located 8 miles south of Grayling and 2 miles north of Higgins Lake. Will consider pet. References plus security deposit, \$600 per month, 989 329-4826. (-18-25/2)

3 BED 1 1/2 BATH home near town, 2 car garage. \$600 month plus deposit. Prefer no pets or smoking. Available to rent on 3-1-10. Call 989 390-3980. Sorry, phone problems last week. (-18/2)

2 BEDROOM HOUSE for rent \$400 month, \$400 deposit. No unauthorized pets. 989 745-6116. (-11-18/2)

2 BEDROOM DUPLEX \$450 plus security, 348-5230. (-18-25-4-11/2)

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RTH HOME IMPROVE-
MENT all your interior and exterior needs. Garages, additions, drywall, painting, roofing, siding, decks, and more. Licensed and insured, free estimates. Rob Harrington 989-344-1383. (-9/16/04tf/4)

D. HAWES / Driver's
Training: Northern Driving School will be offering classes year-round in Grayling and surrounding areas. The only local driving school in Crawford and Roscommon counties. Segment I \$275, Segment II \$40. 989-344-2470. (05/22/08tf/4)

APPLIANCE AND FUR-
NACE PARTS All major brands. Most parts in stock. Appliance Parts 6840 M-72 West, Grayling, across from the Ole Barn. 989-348-5971. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon. (-4-11-18-25/4)

BUY HERE, PAY HERE
bad credit, bankruptcy, repos, OK. Easy terms, low down payment. Most monthly payments under \$200. Free loaner cars for the life of your loan. Hundreds of vehicles and thousands of happy customers. Call Rich 989-306-3656. (-14-21-28-4-11-18/4)

APPLIANCE REPAIR
For the best service on all major brand appliances call Hometown Heating and Cooling, Grayling at 989-348-4252. (-09/17/09tf/4)

HI, LET ME HELP you with your home healthcare/companion care choices. I do it all, great references, over 20 years experience. I offer live in, hourly, traveling, bathing, etc. Rates as low as \$6 hours. Private pay, most insurance's and state Medicaid clients accepted. 10 % off first week of care with this ad. Please call Carol at 231-258-4812. (-21-28-4-11-18-25/4)

INCOME TAX SERVICE
No charge for e-file. Personal service very reasonable rates, over 20 years experience, confidential. Call Marge 989 821-5542. (-28-4-11-18-25/4)

NURSING AIDE 25 years experience. Personal care, light housekeeping, hourly, weekly, daily. Overnight respite care, Hospice experience. Call Margo 989 275-4844. (-11-18/4)

5. For Sale

CABIN LOGS rough sawn lumber, kiln dried lumber, tongue & groove, log siding, custom sawing. T. Warren Sawmill. 989-619-0840. (LR4/8/10/5)

APPLIANCE REPAIR
you will gladly tell your friends about, over 40 years experience. Call Paul 348-0167. (-11-18/5)

DUBOIS LUMBER & RENTAL CENTER has wood pellets \$4.49 per 40 lb. bag or \$199.50 per ton. (11/05/09tf/5)

FOR SALE 4 1/2 MONTH
old male Boston Terrier \$300, brindle and white 989 390-0928. (-18/5)

MALE CHIHUAHUA
great with family, have travel case, food, toys \$75 OBO, call 989 745-8463. (-11-18/5)

2000 CHEVY SILVERADO
pickup LT 126,000 miles, \$6,000. 348-2418. (-28-4-11-18/5)

ELIMINATE HIGH HEATING BILLS Reduce your carbon footprint. Over 85% efficient. Eligible for \$1,500 income tax rebate! Central Boiler EClassic Outdoor Wood Furnace. Call 348-7484 today. (-4-11-18-25/5)

FOR SALE MOSSBURG
835 3.5 mag. \$325, Remington 870 with 4 chokes \$235. 1996 Geo Prism \$750. 989 348-8851. (-11-18-25/5)

FULL SIZE PINE Roll-top desk, \$150, 989 619-4583. (-18/5)

KENMORE WASHER AND DRYER works good. Will deliver to Grayling area, \$100, 989 350-3261. (-18/5)

DRY OAK \$50/face cord, green oak \$45/face cord. Immediate delivery, buying any timber, 989 390-3930. (-18-25/5)

6. Wanted

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8 Announcements

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The Workforce Development Board and Northeast Michigan Consortium are requesting proposals to operate a Year-round Workforce Investment Act (WIA) In-School and Out-of-School Programs for youth ages 14-18 in counties of Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isles.

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A Bidder's Conference will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. in the Onaway Michigan Works! Service Center. Request for Proposal packages may be requested after February 17, 2010, or may be obtained at the Bidder's Conference. Prospective bidders are strongly urged to attend.

Requests for proposals should be made to Terry L. Basel, Program Coordinator, Michigan Works! Northeast Consortium, P.O. Box 711, Onaway, MI 49765. The proposal deadline for submission is Friday, March 26, 2010, at 12:00 p.m. at the Northeast Michigan Consortium, Onaway, Michigan. Proposals that are past the deadline, faxed or emailed will not be considered.

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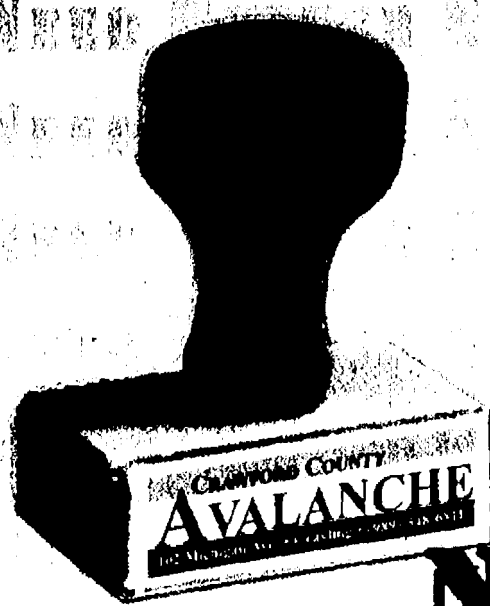
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City Manager arrested for alleged Social Security Privacy Act violations

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forms and agreed to a payment plan for the back taxes. She took the oath of office on Nov. 12.

Thayer spoke exclusively to the Crawford County Avalanche last week but referred other media calls to Grayling City Attorney Gerald Brabant.

Thayer said Michigan Department of Treasury printouts containing Social Security numbers of 24 other people who failed to pay the income tax were inadvertently given to Maybury with the tax forms.

"I did not intentionally or knowingly or have any idea how the candidate elect may have received those papers,"

Thayer said. "It's possible, that while copies were being regarding the city's income tax, that those two pages got intermixed with the tax forms."

Thayer said that while Maybury was clearing up her income tax issue with Grayling attorney David Sabin, the papers containing the Social Security numbers given to Maybury were given to the Crawford County Sheriff's Office by Sabin. Sabin served as the Grayling City Attorney for 23 years, but was asked to step down from the position when he was running for the Crawford County Prosecutor's Office in 2009. Sabin, who served as the assistant Crawford County

Prosecutor for 30 years, lost in his bid for county's chief law enforcement job to Ayers.

Sabin said he was directed by Maybury to give the information to the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, but otherwise said he could not comment on the matter due to attorney-client privilege. Sabin said the nature of the information given to authorities would come out in the course of prosecution for Thayer's case.

When contacted by the Avalanche on Monday, Maybury said she had "no comment" on Thayer's arrest.

Wakefield is not buying Thayer's theory regarding the release of the informa-

tion and said he is "minimizing" the potential damage that releasing such information could have caused.

"He knew exactly what he was doing and was just too hasty in trying to keep this woman off the city council that he didn't cross all his i's and cross his t's," Wakefield said.

In a day and age when he is always warning people not to release their Social Security numbers over the telephone or through computers because of identity theft, Wakefield said there is plenty of evidence to bring the charges.

"That's why there's a law against this," said Wakefield, who personally served the warrant to Thayer with two sheriff's deputies. "The sensitivity of these Social Security numbers - that's big."

Thayer said he could not believe there is basis to bring the charges after interviewing himself, Maybury and Sabin.

"I cannot conceive why anybody who has reviewed the interviews of these three individuals believes that there was a violation of this act," Thayer said. "I don't know what motivates anyone to bring these allegations."

"I feel that once I have my day in court I will be fully exonerated of these charges," Thayer added.

Thayer said that Grayling City Police Chief Doug Baum sent a letter to the 24 people whose Social Security numbers were released in an effort to address the issue. Ayers sent a letter to the same people, telling them that their Social Security numbers were jeopardized.

Thayer said he has personally spoken to most city council members last week about his arrest, and Schreiner was expected to contact others he could not reach. Schreiner said he had not seen the paperwork regarding the investigation, referred calls to Brabant and otherwise had no comment regarding the issue.

Brabant said he has filed an appearance to represent Thayer in the case, but had not had a chance to see police reports.

"My take on it, it was an inadvertent mistake," Brabant said. "It wasn't published. It was only given to one person - a councilperson elect and that's as far as it went. I don't see where there was a crime."

"Politics are politics and it's easy to make enemies when you're trying to do things," Brabant added.

Thayer was released on a \$5,000 personal recognizance bond and will be arraigned in Crawford County District Court on Wednesday, Feb. 24.

Military News

Robert Richards of Gaylord, a member of the 1071st Maintenance Company, Grayling, Michigan Army National Guard, was promoted on Jan. 14 to the rank of Sergeant.

Richards, a generator repairer, has been a member of the National Guard for three years. He attended basic training in 2006.

Richards is a 1986 graduate from Gaylord St. Mary High School. In civilian life, Richards works for Brietburn Energy as a Lead Operator.

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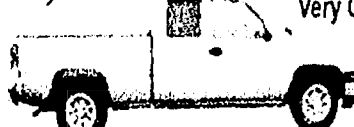
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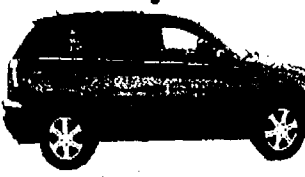
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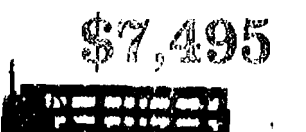
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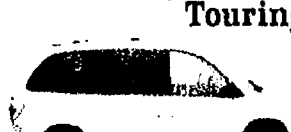
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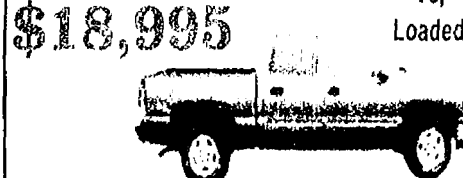


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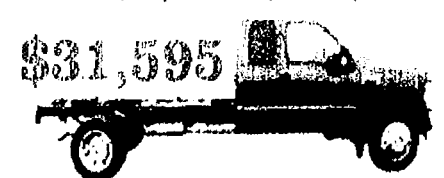
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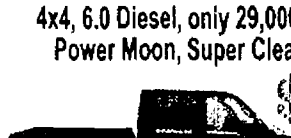
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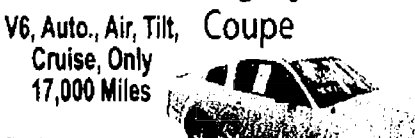
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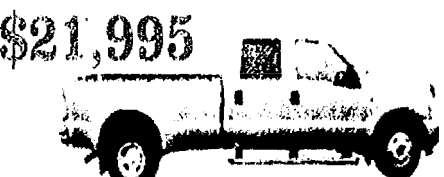
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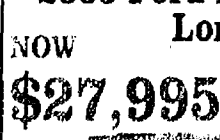
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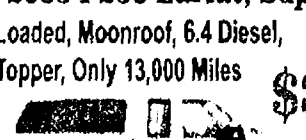
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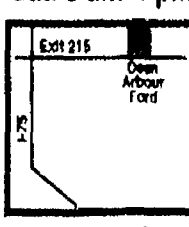
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